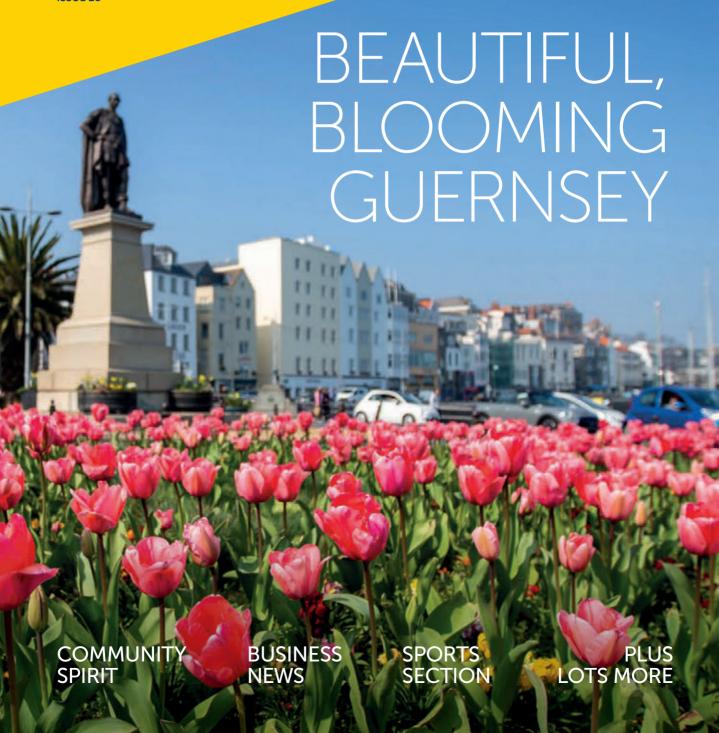




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A MESSAGE FROM AURIGNY CEO NICO BEZUIDENHOUT

Welcome to the Spring edition of our very own magazine. As an organisation at the heart of island life and beyond, we constantly re-evaluate what we do and strive to do better. Aurigny is a major local employer, as well as an essential part of Guernsey's fabric and we are working hard to leave behind the days of failing to break even financially. We focus on ensuring that our offering is suitable for people here and those wishing to visit, and balance that activity with keeping the business viable.

The enormous amount of change within our organisation in recent years (and it's an ongoing process) has required new mindsets and considerable levels of energy from our team of more than 300 people. I am proud of their efforts and their willingness to celebrate our different way of working.

One of the areas front of mind going forward is Customer Experience. While we continue to explore new routes that you might like to enjoy and valuable connections for the business community and island as a whole, we are also determined to ensure that the way we make our passengers feel is as good as it possibly can be.

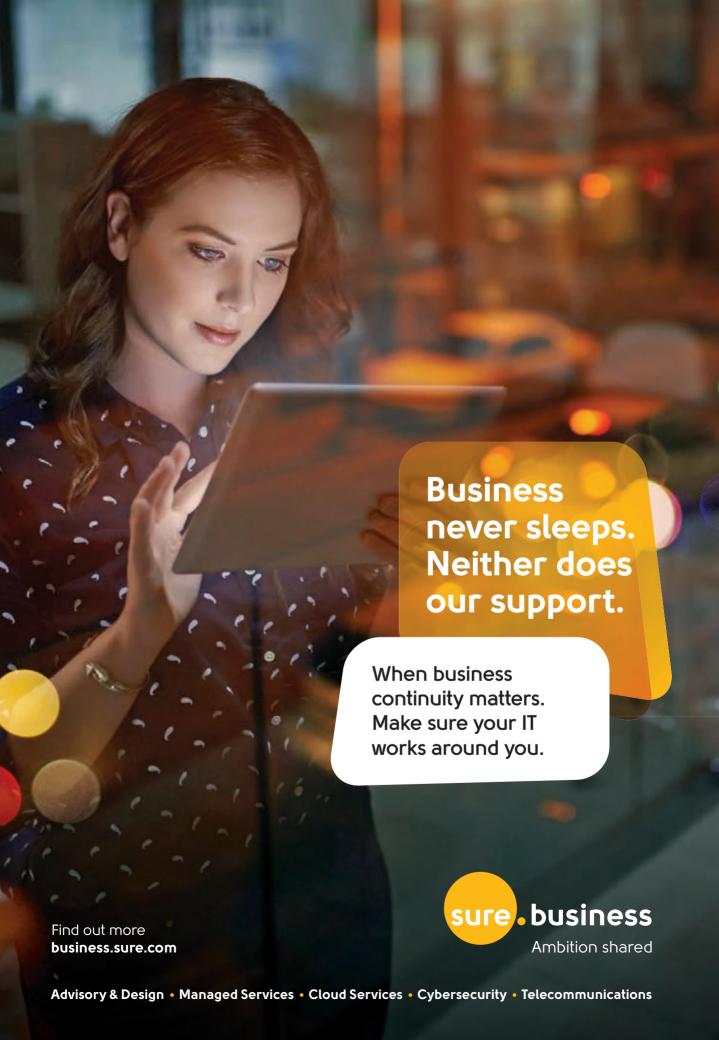
Aviation, as I'm sure you know, is a hugely complex industry and, for all of its technical prowess and interlinked activity, we are still subject to the vagaries of the weather at times. It's a frustrating situation for all of us. While we cannot totally overcome that challenge, we can ensure that we communicate well with our travellers.

With that in mind, Aurigny has added to its customer activity and we now have a new forum dedicated to achieving even higher standards.

One of the positive pieces of feedback received on a regular basis is that our organisation is a friendly one and that we have people to interact with when needed. That feedback is valuable and not taken for granted. Our industry requires us to keep abreast of the latest IT advances while, at the same time, ensuring that we continue to put people first. That is not as straightforward as it might appear. Some people want systems and processes which require minimum interaction when they travel, while others want to meet and talk to our team members and benefit from their first-hand assistance. We are endeavouring to offer both.

With thousands of people from Guernsey booked to travel on our direct Summer Mediterranean flights, as well as those using our UK and Ireland destinations, we hope this is confirmation that Aurigny is in tune with your needs. Not taking that for granted, however, we will be reaching out to ask you to nominate your preferred places to visit. We look forward to that interaction and to tailoring what we do to meet your requirements.

Nico



CATHERINE BEST



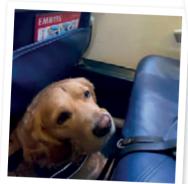
Cradle your loved ones

The Cradle of Love Pendant is inspired by Catherine's love for her family and that instinctive desire to keep them close when they are apart. Each runner within the crescent holds a gemstone to represent a loved one, making each combination unique to the owner and a truly sentimental handcrafted gift.



#Aurigny SEND US YOUR SHOTS!

We want to see your photos, perhaps a colourful sunset at 12,000 feet, a runway panoramic or an onboard abstract. Upload your best photo to Instagram and tag using #Aurigny. It could be featured in the next issue of En Voyage. Please remember to make sure your device is switched to the flight safe mode for taxi, take-off and landing, and upload at a suitable time.



@guidedogcaspar Always love a little trip in a plane!



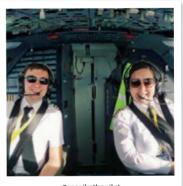


@ultimatebubleuk Boarding our flight with our favourite little human, for the first time.



Just relaxing on the plane.

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@maaikethepilot Saying goodbye to two of my work besties in one week. All the best Sam & Josh!



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With 35 acres of grounds, a golf course and an award-winning spa, St Pierre Park offers wonderfully indulgent experiences and superb accommodation. Feel any stresses and strains melt away from the moment you arrive.







St Pierre is the perfect base from which to explore the wonderful sights of Guernsey and soak up that slower pace of life. Just one mile away is St Peter Port, a pretty harbour town brimming with history. Embark on an exquisitely relaxing stay and unlock all that the hotel has to offer. Enjoy a game of tennis, unwind with a soothing spa treatment, challenge yourself with a round of golf or have a refreshing dip in the indoor pool – the choice is yours.

"SPRING WON'T LET ME STAY IN THIS HOUSE ANY LONGER! I MUST GET OUT AND BREATHE THE AIR DEEPLY AGAIN."

Gustav Mahler



BRIGHTON ROCKS



Just 30 minutes on the train from Gatwick (and with plenty of connections), Brighton is a fantastic playground for foodies, music lovers and those looking for an endless beach stroll.

While still known for its quirkiness and student energy, Brighton has grown up in recent years and now offers superb restaurants, streets full of independent shops and a great general buzz. A weekend visit can also include shows, concerts or festivals – the town's annual calendar is full of them!

At its heart is the spectacular Pavilion and there are plenty of areas around the town which still have that classic, slightly faded but still lovely, English seaside vibe. Brighton has 155,000 residents. Cast aside any aims to be cool and throw yourself into the Brighton Palace Pier arcade with every conceivable type of fairground game, fast food and candyfloss. Who doesn't need a giant teddy bear prize to confirm they had a great weekend away?

The town's history is always evident and none more sadly so than when you glance across the seafront from the fairground pier to the remnants of the old pier which burned down. It's been left as a rather haunting but striking feature on the main drag. For even more nostalgia,

the Pavilion is a major focal point. This summer's exhibitions include A Right Royal Spectacle based on the Coronation of George IV in the mid-1800s. Outrageous expense, the last ever coronation feast and a Queen Consort refused entry to the ceremony, the coronation had it all, and the selection of artwork and memorabilia curated for the exhibition is hugely entertaining.

The display includes original costumes and portraits in a room created for a king whose story features vanity and loss in a ceremony that was one of the most extravagant ever seen.



LEFT: BRIGHTON PALACE PIER.
ABOVE: BRIGHTON PAVILION. RIGHT: THE LANES.
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At the same venue but on a different note, this summer the Pavilion is also offering fascinating tunnel tours where you can discover more about life below stairs for Royal Pavilion servants, from the rat catcher to George IV's principal private secretary, and see the vaulted basement used as an air raid shelter during WWII. The tour ends with a visit to the tunnel which led to the King's royal stables and riding school, before emerging in what is now Brighton Museum.

Foodies might like to visit Brighton in July when acclaimed chef Tom Kerridge leads activities in the annual Food and Music Festival. Take a look at the event website for full details.

Brighton has a huge number of hotels, from cheap and cheerful to top end luxury. Many of the big chains are there and you can also find delightful 'old English' seaside places that have been in the same family for decades and offer (slightly chintzy but very comfortable) rooms in some of the best locations.

The Brighton Lanes are nestled between the North Laine and the seafront. They are a quirky maze of narrow alleyways, hidden squares, exciting shops, legendary jewellers and plenty of places to eat, drink and watch the world go by.

Stretching between East Street, Ship Street and North Street, and just a ten minute walk from Brighton Station and a five minute walk to Brighton Palace Pier, The Lanes are easy to get to and a perfect area to spend a couple of hours. Parts of The Lanes date back to the late 16th Century, when Brighton was a small fishing town called Brighthelmstone. Some of the alleyways – or twittens as they're known locally – have an even older feel to them. The Cricketers Arms on Black Lion Street was built around 1545 and is believed to be the oldest pub in the area.

This mix of old and new is what gives The Lanes its special charm. While new shops, bars. restaurants and cafés spring up all the time, one of the most exciting developments in the area in recent times was the opening of Hannington's Lane. It boasts an enticing array of new independent shops and restaurants, a photogenic green wall, in-your-face art murals and regular pop-up events. Visit this new, stylish corner of The Lanes and you can treat yourself to vegan burgers, organic ice cream, speciality coffee or a little taste of foodie heaven on a roof terrace soaking up the ambiance.

While the town has enough to keep anyone entertained for a few days, it is also worth remembering that the beautiful South Downs are within easy reach. The area is stunning by any standard with its rolling hills and dramatic cliffs. Head to the Seven Sisters for some of the most impressive outlooks.

WHAT TO SEE:

Brighton Pier

Class fun and games

Brighton Pavilion

Perfect for history lovers with a lovely park

The Lanes

Independent shops, antiques and great restaurants

The Esplanade

A long walk and a vast array of food options

Brighton Dome

Amazing range of shows, music and entertainment

WHAT TO DO:

Brighton i360

160m high observation point

Bike Tour

A safe town for cycling and good places of interest

Brighton Music

A seafront stroll with a music history audio track

Outdoor Escape Games

Details on Trip Advisor

Sussex Wine Tours

Bookable online

WHERE TO EAT:

The Lion & Lobster for a roast

Terre a Terre

Michelin rated vegetarian cuisine

Chilli Pickle for Goan curries

Bincho Yakitori

Fantastic street food

Brighton Shellfish and Oyster

Pick n mix for foodies



DID YOU KNOW?

- Dublin comes from the Irish word 'Dubhlinn', 'dubh' meaning 'black, dark' and 'lind' meaning 'pool'? It refers to a dark tidal pool located where the Poddle entered the River Liffey. Its modern, official Irish name is Baile Atha Cliath, meaning 'town of the hurdled ford'.
- There are more than 1,000 pubs in Dublin. Temple Bar, with its cobbled streets, buskers and lively atmosphere is a good place to visit.
- The O'Connell Bridge is not a perfect square – it's the only traffic bridge in Europe that's width is greater than its length.
- The Carmelite Whitefriar Street Church is the home of the relics of St Valentine. His bones and a vial of his blood were given by Pope Gregory XVI to Dublin preacher Father John Spratt.
- Dublin is one of six UNESCO cities of literature. It was the home of four Nobel Prize winners - Yeats, Beckett, Shaw and Heaney.

ONWARD TRAVEL FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT:

More than 1,000 buses and coaches leave Dublin Airport daily. You can travel directly to central locations such as O'Connell Street in Dublin or connect to the rest of Ireland, by reaching Connolly and Heuston train stations, as well as Ireland's central bus station, Bus Áras. Car hire is available from the airport, as are taxis.

DUBLIN – A CITY OF TWO NAMES

Whether you're staying in the city or using the airport as a base to go further afield, the Irish capital has much to offer.

Aurigny is returning to the Emerald Isle with flights from Guernsey three times a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) until 29 October.

Not only is Dublin a fascinating city to spend a few days in, it is also a great starting point to venture out to the west coast of Ireland, as well as having easy access to Northern Ireland.

And did you know that there are worldwide connections from Dublin, including America? You can clear customs for the US in Dublin rather than queueing Stateside.

Pack your bags and passport and hop on Aurigny's Irish service.

WHAT TO DO:

History & Heritage

National Museum of Ireland – Archeology

Walk into the National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street and you are magically transported back in time to see famous Celtic artefacts. St Patrick's Bell, Tara Brooch, the Ardagh Chalice, ancient gold, Viking and Medieval items and bog bodies are waiting to be discovered.

Trinity College

Discover Trinity College Dublin, Ireland's oldest university, founded by Queen Elisabeth I in 1592. It was created by royal charter in 1592 and modelled after the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Originally lying some distance east of the walled city, on the site of the former Priory of All Hallows, Trinity College is now in the heart of Dublin, opposite the historic Parliament House.

Ireland's highest ranked university, Trinity College is also one of Dublin's most popular visitor attractions, due in equal measure to its history and stunning architecture.

The Jeanie Johnston

Follow in the footsteps of those who fled the Famine to North America on board the Jeanie Johnston, a replica famine ship situated in Dublin's Docklands. Hear the remarkable stories of the thousands of Irish people who embarked on a treacherous voyage in the hope of a better life.

Outdoor & Adventure

Glencullen Adventure Park is a bike park situated in the Dublin mountains, only 20 minutes from Dublin City centre. Offering a variety of trails and activities involving all-terrain bike rides, it has become one of the top spots for children, teenagers and adults.

The tracks vary in length and difficulty and feature different surface types with technical obstacles, including three blue runs, six red runs, seven black runs, a pro line and tech track. There is also the Dual Slalom race



L-R: THE TEMPLE BAR; TRINITY COLLEGE; STEPHENS GREEN SHOPPING CENTRE; GUINNESS. ALL IMAGES @SHUTTERSTOCK.

track, one pedal up track, the skills area and six world class trails. A mountain bike shop onsite sells full face helmets, protective gear, and mountain biking clothing.

Children aged eight to 16 will need to be accompanied on the tracks for their first time and an adult must remain onsite for visits thereafter. Children under 12 must have an adult accompanying them on a bike at all times for every visit.

City Kayaking

Explore Dublin's most famous river and take in its iconic city centre landmarks from a different angle. Tours are coordinated with the tides and suitable for all levels of experience.

City Kayaking operates in the heart of Dublin City, from a base where the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship is moored

Dublin Bay Cruises

With five trips between Dublin City Centre, Dún Laoghaire and Howth departing each day, Dublin Bay Cruises offer the optimum way to experience Dublin's coastline. The 75 minute cruise is a relaxing way to take in many famous landmarks and even see wildlife.

The cruise takes in a variety of scenery and landmarks along the way and you'll travel through time to understand how and why Dublin became the capital city of Ireland. The cruise is a chilled, relaxing way to experience Dublin from an entirely new vantage point.

FOOD & DRINK:

Temple Bar Food Market

A food paradise in the heart of the city, the Temple Bar Food Market is one of Dublin's oldest and longest running outdoor food markets. It is a great place to shop for some of the best Irish produce from local producers.

Established in 1997 by a group of Irish farmers and producers, with a vision to bring Irish artisan, local and high quality produce to a city centre location, the market still features many of the original traders.

Guinness

Don't go home without trying a pint of the black stuff. See guinness-storehouse.com/en/visit for details of tours and tastings.

SHOPPING:

Dublin's shopping streets and districts have something for everyone.

Shopping in Dublin is as much about soaking up the atmosphere of the historic streets as it is about browsing boutiques. Grafton Street and Henry Street might be the two main pedestrianised shopping thoroughfares, but it's the side streets and back alleys that make it an eclectic and interesting city to shop in. Venture a little further afield to Dundrum, Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire for your pick of markets and malls.

US PRECLEARANCE FACILITY

The US Preclearance (USCBP) facility at Terminal 2 in Dublin Airport is a purpose built facility that allows US bound passengers to undertake all US immigration, customs and agriculture inspections at Dublin Airport prior to departure.

Dublin Airport is one of only a few airports outside North America that offers a US Preclearance facility. The benefit is that, having cleared USCBP, passengers arriving in the US are treated as domestic arrivals, allowing them to avoid immigration queues upon arrival and pick up their bags and go.

In addition, this benefits onward connecting passengers in the US who will have their baggage checked through to their final destination.

It is advised to allow three hours to clear USCBP before a long-haul flight. If you are checking in a bag, please allow up to an hour of additional time.

WHERE TO SHOP:

- Grafton Street
- · Henry Street
- Dundrum Town Centre
- Marvellous markets
- George's Street Arcade
- City centre discoveries
- Powerscourt Townhouse Centre
- · Cow's Lane
- Antiques on Francis Street
- Explore Dublin's design shops

If you own an unoccupied or vacant property on Guernsey, it may pay to look at the fine print on your policy!

If you live off island but own property here you may need our protection!

- Bought a house locally but living off island?
- Just inherited a property but not yet decided what to do with it?
- Own a second home in Guernsey?
- Renovating a property on island?

Whatever the reason that your property is vacant you will need home cover that protects it whilst it's left empty for longer than your standard home insurance policy allows.

Unoccupied home insurance is a special type of cover that protects your property when it is left empty for longer than your standard home insurance policy allows, covering it against the increased risks associated with leaving your property unattended.

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LOOKING FOR A LIFE LESS ORDINARY?

Joining Aurigny could open up a new world of opportunity for you. We know from your comments that plenty of you love the friendly treatment you receive from our Cabin Crew. Why not consider joining us? We offer fantastic benefits and job security.

As a local company through and through, with more than 300 people in our team, our people are given the chance to develop to their full potential. As a Cabin Crew member, you will receive superb safety training and enjoy a varied working life, with benefits that include the chance to travel at reduced rates, medical insurance and a company pension.

More than that, our Cabin Crew teams enjoy a camaraderie and interaction with customers, which they love.

While our welcoming and highly trained Cabin Crew are perhaps the most visible part of the business, Aurigny has a whole host

of divisions all fulfilling crucial roles which may be of interest. Whether it is engineering, ground handling, office-based roles or pilot and first officer careers, Guernsey's very own airline has a number of opportunities.

Our headquarters is a short walk from Guernsey Airport, so the daily 'commute' doesn't involve hunting for a Town parking space, and the range of career options is extensive.

Included in the Cabin Crew role is training to ensure that operational safety and security are performed to the highest standards set by both our organisation and the CAA. You will need to be passionate about delivering service excellence and comfortable working in a fast-paced environment. These roles really suit people who genuinely enjoy passenger interactions and place our customers at the heart of everything we do.' said Paul Walsh, Aurigny's Customer Experience Manager.

He pointed out that applicants need to be friendly, approachable and would be keen to support colleagues and the company. 'You will take pride in delivering a high level of customer service and be willing and able to adapt to change. We have a vision around PROUD (People, Respect, Outstanding commitment, United in reliability and integrity and Deliver - prepared to go the extra mile in our service delivery.'

Aurigny recently held a lively recruitment event at Coco and was delighted with the response. Anyone who has not already applied can get in touch in the first instance through our website: aurigny.com



AURIGNY AND ART FOR GUERNSEY AIM HIGH

As an organisation at the heart of island life, Aurigny has created a new charity policy aimed at being as effective as possible. Art for Guernsey is our organisation's selected CSR partner and we are proud to celebrate and assist in its efforts with all Guernsey schools and art initiatives helping to put our island on the global map.

Islanders are renowned for their spirit of generosity and the impressive work of Art For Guernsey brings together a high number of them to assist founder David Ummels in his determination to achieve a whole host of positives for Guernsey and beyond.

Art for Guernsey is a charitable initiative managed by a team of passionate professionals who share a belief in the transformative power of art to bring communities together, provide educational opportunities and promote cultural diplomacy.

The charity is a mix of passion for the arts in its broadest sense, coupled with a practical programme of engagement with every island school so that each child has a chance to develop through its activities and be made aware of life far beyond the island's shores.

Aurigny CEO Nico Bezuidenhout comes from South Africa, where he was involved in initiatives for disadvantaged children. He is keen to involve Guernsey's own airline in projects that reach every school, so Art for Guernsey is a natural fit. The two organisations are looking at opportunities to enable pupils to travel off-island and to continue to benefit from meeting international artists who Aurigny will help to bring to Guernsey.

We are delighted to support such a fantastic community initiative and are keen to help Art for Guernsey in its various activities, particularly in enabling local children who might not otherwise get a chance explore life beyond the island to broaden their horizons and enjoy different experiences,' said Mr Bezuidenhout.

Welcoming the new relationship, David Ummels said it was a natural fit to have the island's own airline working with Art for Guernsey. 'There is a great deal of common ground and I think we are going to do some exciting things together.' He added that 2023 is set to

be an especially busy year. 'In autumn we welcome back Pierre-Auguste Renoir, with a multi-faceted international exhibition in partnership with the Musée des Impressionnismes, Giverny, including some notable international loans. With a wealth of other exhibitions and activities planned, the year is shaping up to be a very exciting one.'

The charity's work with museums and organisations around the world will benefit from the new Aurigny relationship and particularly links with France.



This year's Global Renoir Exhibition in Guernsey strengthens ties with the island's French neighbours, which is something Aurigny is keen to further develop.

Art for Guernsey has a superb working relationship with Paris through galleries, museums and the Victor Hugo connection, coupled with VisitGuernsey's new Paris representative. Aurigny is already collaborating with VisitGuernsey so this additional strand to the relationships further cements the ties and focus on bringing more people to the island.

In addition, a new art gallery and workshop has been developed in Mill Street and Aurigny will assist with projects to continue to bring featured international artists here for residencies. The Gallery will also exhibit work from talented local artists, visiting exhibitions and artwork by adults and children on the island.

'Merging under the new Gallery roof, are Art for Guernsey and Arts for Impact (the Charity's health and wellbeing section). The Charity has been working in the Bailiwick since 2016, bringing art exhibitions, events and creative activities of the highest standards of delivery and engagement to the community, from early education

to care homes and everyone in between. 'We have reached not just our own community but far beyond our shores too. We always strive to inspire our community, innovate in our delivery, reach significant audiences and support future generations, combining creativity with impact.'

The charity is currently also working on 'A Renaissance of Victor Hugo' exhibition, featuring artists in residence, Daniel Hosego and Oleg Mikhailov, with some incredible works. Aurigny joins a strong collaboration including Investec which has described the Renoir event as 'A major coup for Guernsey'. The initiative aims to create a unique cultural diplomacy opportunity for the island to promote its country brand abroad, reinforce its special friendship with France and Normandy and celebrate Renoir's heritage.

Mr Bezuidenhout concluded that Aurigny will play its role in promoting the island as a unique place with a cultural heritage way above its size. 'We are looking forward to playing our part in providing dynamic and engaging support for Art for Guernsey.'





ABOVE: ROCHERS DE GUERNESEY AVEC PERSONNAGES - RENOIR; GUERNSEY DONKEY - OLEG MIHAILOV.



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)



Founded



17 MILLION

Aurigny has carried over 17 million passengers since it was founded



ROUTES **IN 2023**

Aurigny will be operating to more destinations than ever before in 2023 while continuing to operate its scheduled services



FLIGHTS IN

Aurigny was one of the only airlines in the world to offer isolation-free holidays in 2020 with travel corridors between Alderney, Guernsey and the Isle of Man



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Aircraft



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In-flight marriage



FA Cup

Flown to Guernsey on 19th August 2016



Birth on board Between Alderney and Guernsey



2019

Ranked best short-haul airline by Which?





AURIGNY

GUERNSEY'S AIRLINE

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 2023.

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

Visit aurigny.com for more details.

SAFETY FIRST

COVID SAFFTY

The safety of our passengers and crew remains a priority at this stage in the pandemic. Our aircraft are deep cleaned and fogged every day using an antibacterial and antiviral solution which remains active for up to 10 days. Masks are now optional on most Aurigny flights. Please check our latest guidance online for details. Please respect the personal space of others as much as you can.

HAND BAGGAGE

Once you've boarded and located your seat, please ensure your hand baggage is stowed safely. Small bags can be placed underneath the seat in front of you, unless you are seated in an emergency exit row.

All other items should be placed inside an overhead locker. Please take care when opening the overhead lockers as items may have moved during flight and falling items may cause injury.

YOUR SAFFTY

We want to look after you on board and our main concern is for your safety and that of the Aurigny crew. Cabin crew are here primarily for your safety, so please pay attention to their instructions. Any feedback about the crew and flight is welcomed.

Life jackets are provided for use in the extremely unlikely event of an emergency. It is an offence to tamper with or remove them without authorisation and this may jeopardise the safety of others.

Both staff and passengers have the right to fly within a calm, safe and friendly environment. Aurigny has a zero-tolerance policy towards any violent, disruptive or offensive behaviour, and crew have been trained to deal with such incidents.

SMOKING

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not permitted on board, including within the toilets.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Allergy information is available for all snacks – please see the packaging label or ask a member of the crew.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES*

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



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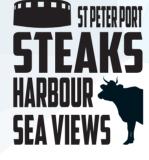


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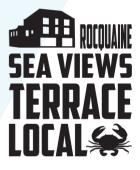
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GUERNSEY

Beach Gride

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

VAZON

The island's second-largest bay, Vazon's fans are numerous. Predominant among them are surfers – this is Guernsey's answer to Hawaii, to the Gold Coast, to the penguin comedy Surf's Up.

Facing due west, and with not a dot of land between here and America, the breakers that roll in from the Atlantic can often reach fairly sizeable proportions. Surf can never be guaranteed (and to be honest in summer it's infrequent at best) but if there are going to be waves anywhere, they're going to be at Vazon.

There's a surfers-only Surf Zone stretching roughly one hundred metres between the Martello Tower and the wooden groynes, from which it's advisable to stay away unless you're a dude who's amped to hang ten and feel one with nature. If you don't know what any of that means, but are dying to, the Guernsey Surf School operates out of Vazon, providing lessons for beginners.

For those who don't need anything as over-the-top as a surfboard to feel one with nature, the rest of the bay is a great place for bodysurfing and bodyboarding, even if the waves tend not to be quite as impressive outside of the Surf Zone.

Vazon has more than this one string to its bow, however – even if you don't much fancy getting involved in the rough stuff, that shouldn't stop you enjoying a spacious beach that, in 2014, was named Britain's cleanest. With a number of kiosks serving tea, chips, chocolate bars and ice

cream (though perhaps avoid having all of those at the same time) and a slanted sea wall that seems to have been deliberately designed for stretching out on and watching the sunset, Vazon has something for everyone.

Optimum Tide Low

Best Feature While it's not quite Oahu, the waves at Vazon can nonetheless be thrilling

Taken from Guernsey Beach Guide.





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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'

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 population. Dogs should be kept away from Vazon south in the winter to protect wildlife.

Lihou Island and Lihou causeway – Dogs are not permitted on Lihou Island and Lihou causeway all year round. Dog-free beaches from 1 May to 30 September –

Dogs are not allowed on the following beaches during this time: Pembroke & L'Ancresse, Port Soif, Cobo Bay, Vazon (north end), Fermain Bay, L'Eree, Petit Bot

See gov.gg/dogsonbeaches for up-to-date information.



BELIEVING IN CRAFTSMANSHIP

AWARD-WINNING LOCAL JEWELLER CATHERINE BEST TALKS TO AMANDA EULENKAMP ABOUT HER PASSION FOR HER ART

A family-orientated designer, business-woman and horse lover, Catherine Best is well-known in Channel Island circles. She has premises in Guernsey, where she is based, and Jersey, both of which are in windmills and have workshops as well as showrooms.

Her London shop, in Elizabeth Street, near Victoria Station (below right), completed the trio of premises last year and, like the other two, also has a workshop attached to the showroom.

'My concept was that everything could be done in-house. I didn't want to be reliant on outside people,' she says.

She tells the story of a customer who had bought a piece online but the charm didn't fit the bracelet. Her team sorted it out for him at the workshop.

'It's lovely that he feels he can come in and ask us to do that,' she says. Every single piece of jewellery is personal and special to each person, whether it's a £60 charm or a £10,000 bracelet. Each and every one of those customers is special to us.'

Good customer service, which she prides herself on, is key to a business' success. She says that she misses being on the shop floor as much as she used to be, but meeting customers 'makes me very happy'. 'It's one of the nicest days that I could possibly wish for,' she says. 'I love the customer interaction, but I love being able to provide a service that I'm proud of. I'll always strive to work out the most cost-effective solution which is in keeping with my very high standards as I'm a true believer in craftsmanship. Marrying the two can be a bit of a juggling act, but I think that's possibly the success of our business.'

As a child brought up in a business environment through her father, her first job was carrying turkeys in the market. 'It just seemed part of our lives to think commercially,' she says.

I used to drive my tutors mad at college because they wanted us to spend six months making one







piece. I used to argue with them saying that there was no way I could ever run a business that way – that we had to find different, more efficient way to produce these pieces of jewellery.

'Now that I'm a bit older, I know they were trying to get me to do it that way so that I learnt the skills initially."

Her business is a true family affair, with her two daughters, husband and son-in-law all involved in the jewellery business. She still heads up the design team and her iconic jewellery is designed from the heart, but with a canny business head on.

'You have to be brave with design sometimes,' she says, while acknowledging that pieces need

to be commercial. T've never wanted my jewellery to be stuck in a safe collecting dust. For me, that's a shame, and it loses its life and energy.

'I think that is why we enjoy rejuvenating old jewellery for people, too. I was given a magnificent brooch that my grandmother had, which meant the world to her, but there's no way I would have ever worn it.

'A few years ago, I mulled over whether I could possibly break it down. It's the best thing I ever did. Because now I have pieces with stones that came from my grandmother that I actually enjoy and wear daily. It's a far better thing than having them sitting in a draw.'













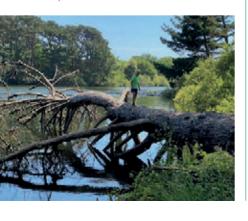


FAMILY WALK -ST SAVIOUR'S RESERVOIR

Tucked away in St Saviour's is a peaceful walk that takes you through lots of woodland, over a dam and a few bridges, down some country lanes and past the reservoir, all in about an hour. It is one of our favourite places in Guernsey, and at this time of year it is a real picture, with the bright yellows and blues of spring. Antonia Rainbow, from Guernsey with Kids, leads the way.

THE MILLENNIUM WALK

The 3km nature trail around the St Saviour's Reservoir is called the Millennium Walk. It was created by Guernsey Water in 2002 to enable the public to enjoy the environment and wildlife that surround the reservoir. There are three parking areas dotted around the reservoir. We often park on Rue du Moulin, which brings you onto the Millennium Walk in an area with mature native oak trees, which are claimed to support more than 400 species of insects and wildlife.



NATURE

Next, you will come to a lovely wooden bridge over Les Padins Stream. This is a great spot to be immersed in the colours of spring. with bluebells, daffodils and striking yellow gorse to name just a few to look out for. The path then leads to a clearing with a bench to take in the view of the reservoir, which is a great place for a drink/food stop. As there is nowhere to buy supplies on the nature trail, don't forget to take what you need with you. This area also has a hidden den, that has been created from the roots of a fallen tree, that is always popular with kids.

The next thing to look out for are the floating reedbeds. These offer birds a secure place to roost and feed, while simultaneously treating the water and have always been covered in birds on each of our visits.

THE DAM WALL

Once past the reedbeds, the next stop is the dam wall which is my favourite part of the walk. The view from the wall is something else. It shows the scale of the reservoir, but also how high up you are, with the St Saviour's Water Treatment Works looking so far below you.

GOODBYE TREES, HELLO ROAD

The end of the dam wall marks the start of the road section of the walk. This gives you a glimpse of quiet Guernsey lanes and along the route you get a great view of the eastern arm of the reservoir.

BACK WITHIN THE TREES

It's nice to get back on the trail and back within the trees. Follow the path and you'll come to a bench behind two commemorative stones, one marking the opening of the Millennium Walk in 2002 and the other celebrating the 10th anniversary of the twinning of St Saviours and Montebourg in 2004. From here it is just a few minutes more on the path to get back to the Rue du Moulin parking area.

A PEACEFUL WALK

We always enjoy a trip to the reservoir and it's like nowhere else in Guernsey. It's the perfect place to get away from it all because it's so peaceful and kids can explore for the majority of the walk away from any cars.

Antonia Rainbow is mum to 10-year old twin girls and has a passion for writing and a real love of Guernsey. She founded Guernsey With Kids to help local families and visitors get the best out of the island.

For more information about the Millennium Walk, including a trail map, details of the parking areas and lots of photos, visit guernseywithkids.com









ABOVE L-R: NERINE SARNIENSIS (GUERNSEY LILY); SEA PINKS; CANDIE GARDENS. ALL IMAGES ®SHUTTERSTOCK

BLOOMING GUERNSEY

Guernsey's national flower is the Nerine sarniensis, known around the world as the Guernsey lily. But it's just one of many flowers associated with the island, as Amanda Eulenkamp discovered.

Nerines have been growing wild on Guernsey for more than 350 years, although no-one knows for sure how they arrived here, being native to the cape of South Africa. One story claims that the flowers drifted on the seas, eventually washing up on the island's shore. Another story is that in the 17th century, a ship carrying some bulbs and thought to be going from Japan to the Netherlands was wrecked on the island's shores and the bulbs flourished in the sand.

Maybe it was the link with the ocean that earned the flower its name, 'Nerine', a reference to the 50 beautiful daughters of the sea-god Nereus. The flowers are characteristically pure and feminine, with ribbons of silver and gold adding an extra shimmer to their petals.

The pamphlet 'The Guernsey Lily', by A. H. Ewen and A. R. De Carteret, published by La Societe Guernesiaise, explains that 'the first European record of the flower occurs in an account of Canadian flowers published in 1635 by a Parisian doctor, Jacob Cornut, who reported the flowering on 7 October 1634 in the Paris garden of Jean Morin of a bulb that was said to have come from Japan; for this reason Cornut proposed that

the name of this hitherto unknown exotic plant should be Narcissus Japonicus rutilo flore, i.e the Japanese narcissus with a lustrous red flower.'

In John Evelyn's Kalendarium Hortense (gardener's calendar) published in 1664, it is listed as Narcissus Japonicus or Garnsey Lilly without any further comment, while the first explanation of the Guernsey link was given in 1680 by Robert Morison, professor of botany at Oxford University, in his Historia Planatarum Oxoniensis, where he combined the two names into Lilionarcissus Japonicus.

However it came to be here, it is our national flower and likes warm, toasty conditions and a frost-free greenhouse or conservatory. The Guernsey lily flowers in early- to mid-Autumn.

In springtime, the native bluebell comes to life, and a trip to the Bluebell Woods (within walking distance of St Peter Port) is a must. The woodland floor is literally covered with them. From the woods, you can head out to the colourful cliff tops for a walk with views of the other islands. Look out for miniature lilac sand crocuses and bright pink sea thrift flowers, particularly in the spring.

As May creeps in, so do the orchids. The Bridge Ozanne Orchid Fields are considered amongst the best in the British Isles. These meadows have not been ploughed since the Second World War and, as a result.

have maintained their original flora and are very colourful in spring. Check out societe.org.gg/wp/nature-reserves/ for details of these fields and other reserves in the island.

While the wild flowers may take over the hedgerows, fields and clifftops, Guernsey also has beautiful parks and gardens where more formal flowers can be found.

A visit to Candie Gardens. established in 1894 in the grounds of Candie House and offering excellent panoramic views over the rooftops of St. Peter Port to the neighbouring islands, is a must. The Lower Gardens were sympathetically refurbished and restored in 1998-99 and are a rare surviving example of a Victorian public flower garden. Visitors to the gardens can discover a wide variety of plants from all over the world. One of Candie's restored historic greenhouses, dating to c. 1792/93, hosts the annual Nerine Festival each October.

A five minute walk from the centre of St Peter Port, admission to Candie Gardens is free. Open from dawn to dusk. Refreshments are available at Café Victoria. Users of wheelchairs and pushchairs should note that the Gardens include some steep paths.



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ABOVE & RIGHT: @OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE. CENTRE: @DUKE OF RICHMOND HOTEL. BELOW: HEDGE VEG. @SHUTTERSTOCK.

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

A new food festival involving more than 20 local restaurants is set to take place during April. It is just one of many culinary treats the island of Guernsey has.

In a nod to the former 'April in Guernsey' food festival that last ran around a decade ago, the Taste Guernsey Food Festival will celebrate the island's restaurants, culinary talent and quality produce.

With nearly 30 local restaurants signed up at the time of writing, restaurants will compose a two, three or four-course set menu featuring produce from the Guernsey Dairy, along with an emphasis on local seafood.

Menus will not be subject to pricing restrictions.

'Guernsey Dairy approached the Guernsey Hospitality Association as it wanted to align some of its marketing budget closer to the hospitality industry,' said Guernsey Hospitality Association treasurer, Andy Coleman. 'As a board, we enthusiastically said that we'd get behind it.

It's important that we try and offer more attractions for visitors and boost the shoulder months.'

Together with OGH general manager, Andrew Chantrell, they approached Visit Guernsey, who supported the festival.

Diners will be encouraged to cast votes through an online voting portal for their favourite local seafood dish, favourite dish using Guernsey Dairy produce and best customer service.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Guernsey is truly lucky to have a number of Farmers' Markets where local produce – both edible and non-edible – is on sale. The Farmers' Markets are a fantastic place to discover Guernsey-grown and produced goodies, plus artisan stallholders.

Even if you don't buy (although you'd be strong-willed to resist the delicious baked goods, colourful veg, meats, cheeses and honey), they're worth visiting.

Held at a number of locations island-wide, they include the Castel Farmers' Market held at Fairfield on a Saturday morning; Saumarez Manor, also on a Saturday morning; and St Peter's Country Market, a midweek market held on a Wednesday in the community hall behind St Peter's Post Office.

For a list of venues, times and dates, check out the Visit Guernsey website or the Guernsey Press.

HEDGE VEG

A Guernsey speciality, this quirky tradition hails from a time gone by that has stood the test of time, evolving to become a unique and charming staple of island life. Honesty boxes – where you dropped your coins and notes in – may have given way to a more digital form of payment (simply tap and go), but they can still be found.

As you wander around the lanes, you'll find everything from vegetables to flowers to homemade sweets and baked goods. Sustainability is key and food mileage is low.

Take a look at hedgeveg.gg, which has an interactive map to help you find your way to these treasure troves.

A prize of £1,200 in restaurant vouchers will be awarded to one diner who places their vote.

They will also be encouraged to share photos of their dishes on Instagram using the hashtag #TasteGuernsey. Another prize will be given to the best post as judged by official media partner, Stratagem Design.

To find out more, visit tasteguernseyfoodfestival.gg.





CELEBRATES THE ISLAND'S FABULOUS FOOD

A GASTRONOMICAL ADVENTURE AWAITS

celebrates the Taste Guernsey event celebrating the very best In line with this local event,

quality of Guernsey's restaurant offering. For an island of just 25 from well over 120 restaurants, individuality and stand-out menu the seafront, stone-baked pizzas

While restaurants naturally come become a new pastime staple and business meetings take place over coffee into the late afternoon.

Many of the island's eateries also offer al fresco dining, truly in line balcony bars are bustling during favourite outdoor spot during

waters are well regarded as providing some of the finest of dishes sourced from the sea bass, scallops and oysters. For

work/life balance also makes



LEFT: SUNSET OVER ST PETER PORT. ABOVE: AL FRESCO
DINING IN ST PETER PORT. RIGHT: HEDGE VEG. ©LOCATE GUERNSEY.

FOR AN ISLAND OF JUST 25 SQUARE MILES, ISLANDERS CAN CHOOSE FROM WELL OVER 120 RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS AND BARS, EACH WITH ITS OWN INDIVIDUALITY...

it easy to enjoy what the island has to offer. With an average islander's commute lasting around 10 minutes, it simply means there's more time to enjoy life in Guernsey. Cocktails with friends, a beach BBQ with family or even nipping across to Herm for a bite to eat after work are all regular occurrences and truly highlight the bliss of island life.

The island is also famed for its local produce. Guernsey has a world-famous dairy breed, producing high-quality milk due to its high protein and buttermilk content. Milk is taken to the Guernsey Dairy where it is also used to make butter, cheese, ice cream and cream. Fresh locally grown fruit and vegetables can also be found across the island, sold on Hedge Veg stalls.

Hedge Veg is a local tradition that is a staple of island life - not only does it offer a quirky way of sourcing local produce, but it is also a testament to the island's trusting community.

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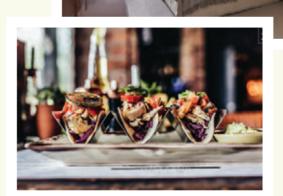




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Overlooking a picturesque bay with exceptional service as standard, it's the ideal location to unwind and revitalize your senses. The Fermain Valley hotel is perched atop one of Guernsey's prettiest valleys with views over the tranquil green canopy and the sea beyond.





Set in several acres of landscaped gardens, our facilities include 3 popular restaurants, an indoor pool and sauna, private 3D cinema, Adventure Room, an elegant lounge and a cosy tearoom – perfect for tucking yourself away and enjoying some quiet time with a good book.

Our 45 exquisite bedrooms are individually appointed with luxurious furnishing, with a selection offering views over the valley and out to sea. Get a taste of island hospitality close to home.



Until 15 April

THE MARKET BUILDINGS' 200th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

Images, archival footage and artwork going back to the 1800s. See feature on page 106.

Until 23 April WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

The Natural History Museum's popular Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition. Guernsey Museum at Candie.

'Captured by some of the best photography talent from around the world, the photographs encourage curiosity, connection and wonder. These inspiring images convey human impact on the natural world in a way that words cannot.'

Dr Doug Gurr, Director of the Natural History Museum.

1 - 30 April

TASTE GUERNSEY FOOD FESTIVAL 23

This new food festival event will run throughout April 2023 and is a month-long event celebrating the very best ingredients found on island. See feature on page 27.

15 & 16 April SPRING ON THE FARM

Learn about farming heritage, browse great local stalls, say hello to the friendly animals, grab some tasty food and lots more!

The farm is between Les Beaucamps High School and the Castel Douzaine Room. There is ample parking, or you can walk or cycle through the greenlanes. Bus routes 60 & 61 with 42 at the end of the road.

£2 admission, free for under twos, no dogs permitted.

21 & 22 April GUERNSEY BOAT

SHOW 2023 In the heart of St Peter Port, a free-

In the heart of St Peter Port, a freeto-enter boat show with exhibitors on both the water and land.

Motorboats, RIBS, yachts, kayaks, paddleboards and much more. Plus, great advice available on all things nautical.

Open 10am - 6pm.

FESTIVAL

2 – 14 May GUERNSEY LITERARY

The Festival, now established as one of the biggest annual arts events in the Channel Islands, will feature more than 50 events, including a full education and community programme. Further details can be found at quernseyliteraryfestival.com

7 May – September SEAFRONT SUNDAYS

Enjoy the al-fresco dining and stalls along the St Peter Port seafront on certain Sundays during the summer months. Each Seafront Sunday has a different theme, but all offer the chance to stroll along the seafront, enjoying the casual friendly atmosphere.

This year's dates are:

7 & 21 May, 4 & 25 June, 6 & 13 August, 24 September





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9 May LIBERATION DAY

2023 is the 78th anniversary of Guernsey's Liberation, commemorating the islands' freedom from German Occupation during World War II.

Celebrated annually on 9 May, the festivities provide an opportunity for islanders to remember the days of Occupation, which played such a monumental role in shaping both the landscape and the lives of the people of Guernsey.

Many events take place in St Peter Port and around the island. See liberationday.gg for a list of events.

20 May – 4 June SPRING WALKING FESTIVAL

Join experienced and professional Guides from the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides for their annual Spring Walking Festival. Every day will see a range of guided walks exploring the wonders of Guernsey, Herm and Sark.

From coastal hikes and hidden ruettes tranquilles, to exploring the beautiful capital, St Peter Port. Each walk starts close to a bus stop and parking area and all are rated from an easy amble to a more testing hike. Locally accredited guides will share their knowledge and help you to discover so much about the islands.

Full details can be found at visitguernsey.com/experiences/events/spring-walking-festival

27 & 28 May GUERNSEY TOGETHER FESTIVAL

This celebration of music, dance, food, drink and community will be held over two days at the Rabbit Warren, behind the go kart track.

See some of the hottest UK and European tribute acts supported by local bands, showcasing the best of Guernsey's music scene. Details at guernseytogether.co.uk

29 May – 4 June ALDERNEY WILDLIFE WEEK

Daily events with the Alderney Wildlife Trust, exploring the island's incredibly diverse natural history - from puffins and gannets to moths and wildflowers. Further details at alderneywildlife.org
Read Rupert Diggins' article on page 44.

5 – 11 June BLOOMIN' ALDERNEY

Wander through some of Alderney's most beautiful gardens. See visitalderney.com/see-do/ events/bloomin-alderney



THE CAVE ART OF LASCAUX

1 April – 10 September

Bristol

A virtual reality experience at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery.

Step back in time 21,000 years and visit the incredible Stone Age cave art of Lascaux in

immersive 3D. Suitable for children aged seven and above.

See https://www.bristolmuseums. org.uk/bristol-museum-andart-gallery/whats-on/the-caveart-of-lascaux-a-virtual-realityexperience/ for further information

FLY TO BRISTOL TO SEE THE CAVE ART OF LASCAUX

MANCHESTER JAZZ FESTIVAL

19 – 28 May

Taking place at venues across the city. See manchesterjazz.com for further details

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A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

Fat Rascal is one of Guernsey's hidden gems of a restaurant. Owner Steve Hopkins – who also owns Good Rebel – is originally from Harrogate, but has settled in the island, serving up contemporary food in both establishments. Amanda Eulenkamp checked them out.

A popular restaurant that opens primarily for lunch and dinner (grab breakfast or brunch at the weekend), Fat Rascal attracts both locals and visitors. It's unlike other local eateries that may boast sea views while you eat as it's housed in a converted, old tunnel. Head through the stone arch in the High Street into the cobbled Lefebvre (pronounced Le Fever) Street, and you'll find it on the left.

Once there, in the cosy yet vibrant décor lit by stunning lamps, any thought of views will disappear as you won't want to take your eyes off the plates of food. Executive chef, Patricio Filipe, oversees the menu in both establishments. He's introduced a range of new menu items, although there are certain dishes, such as the halloumi fries, chicken parmigiana and signature burger that are year-round favourites.

Fat Rascal is also deservedly known for its excellent vegan dishes, described as 'bang on trend'.

So, what was in store for colleague Sally, photographer Sophie and me? First of all, drinks in the bar. Sally and I opted for a deliciously crisp dry white wine while Sophie enjoyed a pale ale, brewed by Second Meridian Brew Co and sold exclusively at Fat Rascal and Good Rebel.

While we sipped our drinks, Patricio and the team were busy conjuring up dishes from the menu that will run until mid-June.

The aforementioned halloumi fries, served with a Tandoori yoghurt, were delicious. We also tucked into Sally's favourite, the grilled sticky aubergine, served with feta, toasted seeds and coriander. The roasted beetroot with feta, walnut and chilli relish was something I'd order time and again – absolutely up my street. But the star favourite for me were the stunning lobster'n'mac croquettes. Oozing with flavour, they're a starter that's hard to beat.

Onto our main course and we shared three dishes. The chicken parmigiana is one of the most

popular dishes on the menu and it was easy to see (and taste) why. A generous portion of bread-crumbed chicken, pork shoulder, roasted tomato sauce, mash and rocket and parmesan, this is a simple dish elevated to a great dish.

Likewise with the Rascal burger, which is made with Guernsey beef and smothered in Rascal sauce, streaky bacon, cheddar, pickle and crispy onions and served with garlic and rosemary chips. Declared by us all as 'probably the best burger we've ever tasted', it soon disappeared.

My favourite was the pan-fried sea bass, nestled on a bed of Thai curry sauce and garlic spinach, it came with a little bucket of chips, a perfect accompaniment.

We stopped at two courses as we simply didn't have space for a dessert. But if you fancy three courses, go for it - just ask for a doggy bag if there is anything left over!

The menu is changed every couple of months, so head down and enjoy some good quality food (with much of it being local). Once you've eaten at Fat Rascal, you'll be back for more. And more.









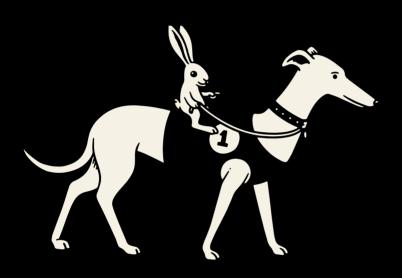


FAT RASCAL IS OPEN FOR BRUNCH AND DINNER

Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm, 6pm – 9pm

Saturday 9am – 2pm, 6pm – 9pm

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REBEL, REBEL

Good Rebel is the newer of Steve Hopkins' two eateries. The feistier sibling of Fat Rascal, Good Rebel serves up a treat whether you're looking to indulge in something naughty or be angelic and eat something light, says Amanda Eulenkamp.

A popular place for breakfast, brunch and lunch, Good Rebel is worth heading out-of-town to enjoy excellent food served with a smile. When you think of Guernsey restaurants, you may think of somewhere coastal with a view – but, like its sibling, Fat Rascal, Good Rebel is just that little bit different.

Situated by the retail park at Admiral Park and surrounded by finance firms, it hosts a steady stream of workers who pop in en route to the office in the morning, or hold a business meeting, or grab a quick lunch. Lunch is 'lunch-break friendly' time-wise, so why not sit down in comfort rather than grabbing a sandwich at your desk?

It's also hugely popular with friends and families who love the funky vibe, the industrial décor and the menu that has something to suit everyone. Indeed, Sunday is the busiest day of the week. On the day my colleagues and I headed there for a late lunch, the place was buzzing. Steve had arranged for a selection of dishes to be served to us. While we waited, we quenched our thirst with a glass of Rebel lager, brewed by Second Meridian Brew Co. With a slightly fruity aroma, it was the perfect accompaniment to our lunch. To balance things out, photographer, Peter Frankland had a carrot wellness juice that packed a punch with carrot, orange, ginger, turmeric and lemon.

In no particular order, we enjoyed a feast of flavours, sharing the dishes so that everyone had a taste of everything. At the ultra-healthy end of the spectrum was the delicious gem lettuce and picked herbs salad. Sticking to the salads, we were also brought the roasted sweet potato salad and the lamb Kofta salad. Judging by how little was left, it's fair to say the salads were a hit – delicious, satisfying and relatively guilt-free.

The halo soon slipped though as we shared out one of my favourites, fried goats cheese with honey and toasted seeds. Another favourite, from a previous food review for this magazine, is one of Good Rebel's signature dishes, Turkish eggs. Poached eggs on toasted sourdough with garlic and chilli yoghurt and smoked paprika must be tried. The combination of flavours is sublime, and it elevates poached eggs on toast to an even higher level.

For the hungrier soul, the ABC (avocado, bacon, chicken) sandwich, the flat iron sticky chicken served with garlic and rosemary chips and the Rebel burger hit the mark. Good Rebel claims that its burger is even better than Fat Rascal's superb burger – the only way to decide is to try them both; my lips are sealed!

From 4 May, Good Rebel will be open for dinner from 5pm – 9pm, Thursday through to Saturday. If the menu is as good as its current offering, it will be packed out, with the outside terrace sure to be a magnet during the summer evenings. Good Rebel is hard to beat with its open kitchen, handy coffee take-out bar, soft, industrial-style dining area (for 75 covers) and outside terrace plaza-side (which more than doubles the capacity).

Join the rebellion.









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Lunch 12:00 - 15:00

Cake, Coffee and Bar -

15:00 - 16:00

THURSDAY

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Lunch 12:00 - 15:00

Cake, Coffee and Bar -

15:00 - 16:00

Dinner 17:00 - 21.00

FRIDAY

Breakfast 07:30 - 11:30

Lunch 12:00 - 15:00

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BONSAI: YOUR PROJECT PARTNERS

As the local business launches its Harbour Design Studio, Amanda Eulenkamp talked to MD, Mat Rolfe, and Senior Designer, Martha Nuttall, about the part lighting plays in interior design.

Creating an environment that shows off the best that 21st century lighting can offer is something that the team at Bonsai love doing. The company has been around since 2001 and has led the way in innovative design. The new design studio has been conceived as a multifunctional space with the aim of giving clients the best possible experience, from design through to implementation of their project.

'We've got physical displays, samples and audio visual presentations to help people imagine and realise what is possible,' says Mat. 'We put good design at the heart of everything.'

Working with their partner Occhio, he says that the quality of the lights is such that they set the stage and create the ambience in a room.

'We can demonstrate their versatility in the showroom – by showing them in different settings, such as office, dining, living etc. people can see the full scope of what's available.'

Occhio produces lighting as brilliant as sunlight, using new LED technology that comes very close to reaching the depth and nuance of natural light. A perfectly calibrated interplay of light and dark, of diffuse and directional, of direct and indirect light gives rooms character.

The requirements for lighting effects can change depending on the situations, so Occhio's modular lighting systems offer outstanding design freedom – always in harmony with the highest lighting quality and a holistic design concept. And sustainability is key, too, with the low-energy LEDs expected to have a 50-year lifespan.

As a designer, Martha is enthusiastic about the creative elements of lighting as part of an overall design.

'We design as little or as much as a client wants,' she says. 'Sometimes we do a whole house, sometimes one room; sometimes we work as part of a team with other architects. But we are totally focused on the client.

'Over time we build up a very close bond. For example, somebody could come to our showroom and buy a coffee table or a lamp and do a little bit of a room at a time – we go on a journey with them. While we have certain preferences and suppliers that we like to work with, it's more about partnering with and helping clients realise their dream home. Sometimes they know exactly what they want and other times they need a bit of help.

People often think of an interior designer as a luxury, but we can save them money. I can guarantee that anyone doing a full house project is going to make expensive mistakes along the way, or choose products or fabrics that they later regret. When working with a designer, the cost of their time is minimal versus what you can save over the course of a project.'

So, the next time you want to evoke a calm environment in your sanctuary and you can't quite get the lighting right, pop into the showroom for a demonstration of some of the best lighting around.



BLOOMING TRAVEL

By Amanda Eulenkamp



This is the time of year when winter clothes get packed away and the summer ones checked to see if they've shrunk since last season... it's the time of year when the clocks have gone forward, giving us lighter evenings. It's the time of year to get out and enjoy what nature has given us. Flowers are blooming, and it's time for the travel plans to bloom, too.

While Aurigny has some fantastic European destinations to fly to this year (more of which, later), it's closer to home that this edition of En Voyage has focused on. National Parks, to be precise.

Aurigny's UK network is superbly placed so that we can easily hire a car, hop on a train, or take a bus to visit. We've covered the Lake District, Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons, Exmoor, Dartmoor, the New Forest and the South Downs in this issue.

My thanks to regular writers Jessamy Baldwin for contributing her article on 48 hours in Southampton, and Bernice Saunders, who takes a look at what to do beyond Brighton, easily reached from Gatwick Airport.

Even closer to home (if you're a Guernsey resident) is Alderney. With regular flights from Guernsey all year round, it's a wonderful place to escape to, as regular travel writer Rupert Diggins attests. He fell in love with the island when he visited last year, especially the wildlife. Looking at Alderney through the wildlife lens may just inspire you to visit and get to know its local inhabitants, such as the infamous blonde hedgehog.

The European schedule that Aurigny has put together this year

INTRODUCING THE WRITERS



Rupert Diggii



Jessamy Baldwin



Bernice Saunders



has no doubt encouraged many islanders to book already. If you're still making your mind up, I take a look at Malaga, and what's beyond. Some islanders may well choose to stay for a week or two in the city but for others, there is a world of heritage and stunning sights, excellent food and drink, just a short drive away.

I touch on the Spanish Paradores in the article and having stayed in some in the past, I can highly recommend them. The history of them is interesting – State-run, their origins date back to 1910 when the Spanish Government, presided over by Jose Canalejas, decided to commission the Marquis Benigno de la Vega-Inclan with the project of creating a hotel structure, non-existent in Spain at that time, whose establishments would provide accommodation for tourists and travellers, while at the same time improving Spain's international image. The following year, a Royal Commission for Tourism was created, headed by the Marquis.

For foodies, the restaurants are 'the model of Spanish flavour

and gastronomic culture'. Enjoy a different experience in each establishment, experiencing the culinary variety and richness of all the regions of Spain. Savour local produce and seasonal raw ingredients coupled with contemporary cuisine based on traditional roots. I certainly loved the ones I stayed in, and even years later, the memories linger on.

I hope you can create your own memories and be inspired by the destinations selected in this issue.

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WILD ABOUT ALDERNEY

IF YOU LOVE NATURE, THEN YOU WILL LOVE ALDERNEY, SAYS RUPERT DIGGINS

On a recent visit to this, the most northern of the inhabited Channel Islands, I discovered a wide variety of unique plants and wildlife together with a dramatic landscape that attracts not only inquisitive tourists like myself, but also migratory birds from far and wide.

From its marine life to its coastal cliffs, sandy beaches to its sprawling heathland, and scrub woodland to its freshwater ponds, Alderney has so much to enjoy.

THE ALDERNEY WILDLIFE TRUST

Much of the credit for the management of the island's wildlife and habitats goes to the team and conservation volunteers at the Alderney Wildlife Trust, who are this year celebrating their 20th anniversary. The trust oversees over 130 hectares of land, which is quite a feat considering the island is only 800 hectares in size.

They also manage the island's nature reserves as well as the 20km of footpaths, which need to balance public access whilst minimising the impact on the wildlife that lives there.

The Wildlife Trust Centre and shop are based in the heart of the island's only town, St Anne, and it's well worth a visit. The friendly, welcoming team will offer their expert advice on every aspect of the island, plus they can help you choose between a selection of organised excursions, from walking tours to boat trips.

Outside, I particularly liked the chalkboard showcasing the latest wildlife sightings which added to the sense of excitement for those, like me, who were getting ready to head out and explore.

WALKS AND TRAILS

Walking is by far the best way to discover Alderney.

Together with your sturdy walking boots, all-weather attire, binoculars and camera, I recommend you pick up a map and a copy of the informative 'Alderney Self-Guided Walks' brochure from the Visitor Information Office. The suggested routes range from easy to difficult and are designed for walkers of all ages and abilities, so there is no excuse to not get out and explore!

ALDERNEY'S NATURE RESERVES

Created by the Alderney Wildlife Trust in 2003, the Longis Reserve is Alderney's largest, covering an area of approximately 100 hectares of public and private land. It is located on the southeast coast and has 13 very different habitats, within which there are dozens of rare species of plant. The Longis Pond and Reed bed, one of only two freshwater pond habitats on the island, is a great place to observe waterfowl, dragonflies, and damselflies from the delightful wooden hide. The reserve also benefits from its conservation grazing herd of cattle, which is a traditional method of managing the coastal grassland without the use of heavy machinery. The reserve also extends into the marine environment with its eelgrass beds, rock pools and reefs that are home to sea anemones, kelp, sea urchins, and ormer.

Val du Saou Reserve is located on the southwest coast of Alderney and covers approximately six hectares. Here you will find the Wildlife Bunker (Countryside Interpretation Centre) which is set within a converted World War Two German bunker. Information is provided here on both the island's military and wildlife history. This is a great place to stop to observe the spectacular habitat and seabirds from the observation point. Interestingly, it is also home to the island's only wooded valley.



GANNET ROCKS. ABOVE: THRIFT, CORBLETS BAY. @ISTOCKPHOTO.

RAMSAR WETLAND SITE **& OFFSHORE ISLANDS**

A Ramsar site is a wetland area considered to be of international importance, and the Channel Islands are now home to eight of these sites. Officially recognised by the United Nations in 2005. Alderney's west coast and the Burhou Islands Ramsar site was the first in the Bailiwick of Guernsev.

This area is incredibly popular for birdwatchers who come to Alderney all year round to view species particular to the island, as well as those who are seasonal visitors. The island is perhaps best known for being home to about one per cent of the world's breeding population of Northern gannets. These birds are best seen, often in huge numbers, on the rocky outcrop called Les Etacs on the southwest of the island.

The small islet of Burhou is two miles northwest of Braye Harbour and home to colonies of puffins and Storm Petrels, as well as Black-Backed Gulls and Grey Seals. The best time to see the puffins is between March and early July when regular local boat trips are running. The gannets are best viewed between late January and October, either up close on a boat trip, from the south cliffs, or through the steep-sided Valée des Trois Vaux just off the coastal path.

ALDERNEY'S FLORA

The island is of particular interest to botanists and naturalists who come to enjoy the rich flora and fauna. While trees are scarce. Alderney is one of the British Isles' top destinations for wildflowers, with over 900 species of plants across the entire island.

Two of the rarest to look out for are the Alderney sea lavender and the Alderney geranium and, in the Longis Reserve, keep your eves peeled for rare UK species. such as sand crocus, small hare'sear, scrambled egg lichen, small restharrow, small-flowered catchfly and varrow broomrape. A walk almost anywhere on Alderney in spring and early summer will give you resplendent displays of common species, such as thrift, bird's-foot trefoil, pyramidal orchid and eyebright.

WILDLIFE AT A GLANCE

Alderney is better known for its birds than its mammals, however, there are some notable species that thrive, largely due to the lack of predators.

The Blonde Hedgehog is a favourite. The story goes that a couple of breeding pairs of western European hedgehogs were brought as pets to the island in the 1960s with one pair reputedly coming from Harrods these aren't just any old hedgehogs!

Due to their unique lineage, and the peculiarities of island life, more than half of the island's hedgehog population today is now blonde. Anvone willing to take an evening stroll can expect to observe these unique animals foraging for food in the back gardens and side streets of St Anne. If you fancy an evening excursion, then the Alderney Wildlife Trust run their popular 'Hedgehog & Bat Walk', or Alderney Tours has an 'After Dark Safari'.

The little-known Greater, White-Toothed Shrew, which can't be found on mainland Britain, can be difficult to spot – however, you might hear its high-pitched squeaks as you walk through Longis Common.

There are now 11 species of bat recorded on Alderney, with some hanging out in the island's old bunkers, only venturing out at dusk to feed on insects.

There is just one reptile on the island and that is the slow worm. This legless lizard is popular with gardeners as they prey on slugs and snails.

If you are a lover of butterflies, moths and insects, then Alderney boasts a population as good as anywhere on the British mainland. Red Admirals and Tortoiseshells are the butterflies I always remember as a child and you will see these aplenty. If you are visiting between



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: OYSTER CATCHERS AND CORMORANT; (COW PARSLEY) ANTHRISCUS SYLVESTRIS; NATIVE BLONDE HEDGEHOG; @SHUTTERSTOCK. SUE DALY DIVING; SUNSET CUP CORALS; BLUE SILVERSTUDDED BUTTERFLY; ORCHIDS. @SUE DALY.

May and June, look out for the more unusual Green Hairstreak or the Glanville Fritillary. Moth species include Convolvulus, Elephant, Privet and Hummingbird Hawkmoths.

As everywhere in the world, bees are such an important part of our ecosystem and, on Alderney, there are several species, including the Scilly Bee, named after the island where it originated.

MARINE MAMMALS

The waters around the Channel Islands are home to several significant populations of Bottlenose and Common dolphins, with the occasional rarity being spotted, including the Risso dolphin. Basking sharks have also been spotted off Alderney's coast, along with Grey seals.

BIRD LIFE

If you are a bird watcher then Alderney is a must!

The noisy northern gannets and gentle puffins are, for many, the star attraction, but for those in the know, there are many more species attracted to Alderney by the variety of habitats.

Seabirds visiting include razorbill, guillemot, cormorant, common terns, shag, herring gull, Manx shearwater, and the European storm petrel.

Migratory birds include waders, chats, warblers, flycatchers,

wagtails, thrushes, finches, and cuckoos. The rocky bays and sandy beaches entice breeding waders such as oystercatchers, dunlin, redshank, and ringed plover, while the marine heathland attracts linnet, skylark, whitethroat, ring ouzel and redstart.

Some of the birds that remain resident all year include raven, Peregrine falcon, and Rock pipit.

ALDERNEY FOR ALL SEASONS

As a useful little guide, I wanted to showcase some of the seasonal highlights because I have a feeling you will fall in love with Alderney and will want to return to appreciate the island at a different time of the year.

SPRING (MARCH TO MAY)

From mid-March, Alderney comes alive as the northbound bird migration will be in full swing and the island will be decorated with colourful flowers and fresh new life.

In April, thousands of northern gannets gather on Les Etacs and Ortac at the start of their breeding season while a couple of hundred pairs of puffins arrive on the island of Burhou.

Blonde hedgehogs start to breed, with litters emerging in May. Butterflies, including the painted lady that migrate from Africa and the Glanville Fritillary, start to emerge, as do bats and insects.

SUMMER (JUNE TO AUGUST)

As spring turns to summer, butterflies, moths and dragonflies will be on the wing, while the seabirds such as the Northern gannets will be on their offshore nests feeding fish to their young. Rockpools are brimming with life including anemones, fish, prawns, sea urchins and crabs.

In early June check out Bloomin' Alderney, a week where you can enjoy some of Alderney's most picturesque gardens.

By late July the puffins will have departed.

AUTUMN (SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER)

Autumn offers the final chance to see some of Alderney's transient inhabitants, with migratory birds such as swallows, warblers, and starlings stopping off en-route south for the winter.

In September, young gannets are fledging and preparing to leave the colony on Les Etacs and Ortac.

If you want to see one of those Blonde hedgehogs before they hibernate, then be sure to do so before the middle of December.

WINTER (DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY)

Winter on Alderney is special. For many, it's their favourite time to visit the island as it's raw, wild, and intimate.



WILD SARK

For Sue Daly, Sark resident, wildlife film-maker and photographer, this collection represents some favourite images taken over the years.

Born in Shropshire, Sue moved to Jersey in 1988, where she learnt to scuba dive. Loving taking her camera underwater, she went on to work for various production companies, including the BBC Natural History Unit. She has also produced, filmed and presented two series of Wild Islands, a natural history series for ITV Channel Islands. Her underwater photographs have featured in many natural history guides and

diving publications as well as on stamps in Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and the UK. In 2008 Sue moved to Sark

From the natural treasures of the Gouliot caves and Sark's star-filled night skies to the seabird colonies on the off-shore reefs and the surprisingly colourful life beneath the waves, she reveals the beauty of the common and highlights the fragility and rarity of the very special aspects of Sark's natural history.

Wild Sark is available from various book shops in Guernsey or from Blue Ormer Publishing.

The rocky bays and sandy beaches attract large numbers of wading birds including turnstone, dunlin and oystercatcher.

Christmas on the island is a delight and a time to celebrate all that is unique about Alderney. As the crisp cold mornings take us into the New Year thoughts turn to those migratory birds which are making plans to head to the island in February and March.

AT ONE WITH NATURE IN ALDERNEY

The breathtaking beauty of Alderney will leave you feeling re-

connected with nature. Spending time outdoors witnessing wildlife and glorious vistas will leave you energised, inspired and, above all, happy that there are corners of this world that still deliver that simple feel-good factor.

I have only recently returned from the island and have a burning desire to return one day soon.

Without question, I am wild about Alderney and I am sure you will be too! Have a wonderful visit.

Rupert Diggins is a leading travel writer and blooger and the founder of www.justonefortheroad.com



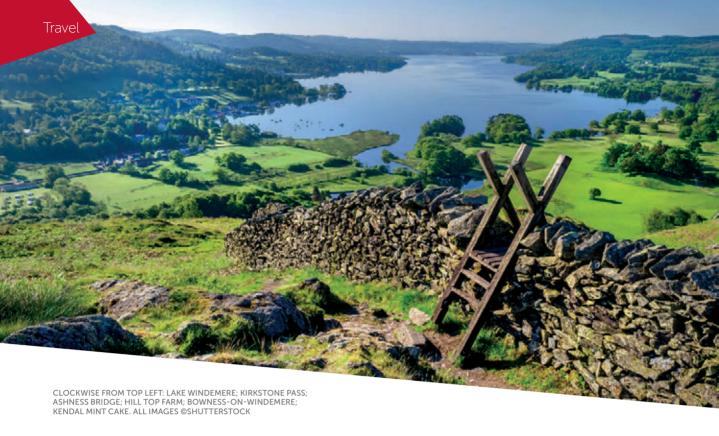












Having grown up in the heart of Worcestershire, our family often holidayed in places like the Lake District or Scotland, or headed down to Cornwall and Devon

Sometimes we'd hitch our caravan, hop in the car and enjoy a week or two (British weather permitting!) in the country. Other times we'd stay in a hotel or B&B. Holidaying back in the 60s and 70s seemed a simple affair! Today, people have the choice of staying in everything from glamping through to bijoux hotels with spas and restaurants that wouldn't be amiss in a five star hotel.



When we travelled, the M5 – just over 160 miles long and stretching from Exeter to West Bromwich - was the start of our journey. Heading north, the M6 took over. The British motorway system links huge swathes of the country together, and journey times have significantly reduced since my childhood. Most airports have easy access to motorways, so within a couple of hours you can be breathing in the fresh air of the National Parks.

Since living in Guernsey, the Lake District has still been a favourite holiday spot. It's around a one and a half hour journey from Manchester airport. Its magic has never faded for me in over five decades of visiting. Times change, though, as I remember willing Dad's car up Hardknott Pass (it's the steepest climb in England, with sections of 33%) - newer vehicles manage it far more easily! Owner of nearby Muncaster Castle, Peter Frost-Pennington, has driven Hardknott hundreds of times and calls it 'one of the most exciting and incredible roads to drive, cycle or walk in the whole world'.

Whether you chose to take a train, hire a car, or meet up with friends and family when on a trip back to the UK, make the effort to visit a National Park for a day or longer...

LAKE DISTRICT

Known for:

Its lakes – after all, that's how it got its name. In 2017, it joined the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon and Machu Picchu as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Lake District has many towns and villages to stay in and explore, mountain passes to navigate and hills to climb and wonder at the views. It is home to England's largest lake, Windermere. The town of Bowness-on-Windermere is one of the most popular and it can get busy, but there are plenty of quieter spots around its shoreline.

Bowness-on-Windermere has recently been voted number five in Tripadvisor's 10 fastest growing domestic destinations, based on year over year growth. Three other Lake District locations come in the top 10 - Gosforth taking top place, Borrowdale third and Keswick eighth.

Popular activities on Windermere include taking an organised boat trip or hiring a small boat to get around. There are also opportunities for sailing, kayaking or paddle boarding. If you fancy a spot of shopping then, apart from lots of gift shops and artisan stores, you'll find the headquarters of kitchen supply store, Lakeland, in Bowness-on-Windermere.



If walking is your thing, there are plenty of fells to enjoy. Two of the smaller lakes to walk by are Rydal Water (at less than a mile long. it's situated between Grasmere and Ambleside) and Buttermere. Buttermere and Crummock Water were originally one large lake which separated over thousands of years. To walk around Buttermere should take approximately one-and-a-half to two hours (it's around 4.5 miles) - there are National Trust car parks on both end of the lake. Take a backpack and a picnic, or head to the Bridge Inn for a lunch break.

The Lake District also has its fair share of literary connections – think Wordsworth, Arthur Ransome's Swallows and Amazons and Beatrix Potter.

Must see:

Don't miss a visit to Beatrix Potter's house, Hill Top. It'll bring back memories of Peter Rabbit, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Squirrel Nutkin et al, and you'll get to see where she wrote her inspiring stories. For a more interactive experience, head to Bowness-on-Windermere to The World of Beatrix Potter, where her stories are brought to life every day between 10am and 4.30pm. Hopskip-jump.com has all the details.

If you have children with you and you can tear them away from the lakes and mountains, head to Keswick (the most northerly market town in the National Park and known as the 'adventure capital of the UK') where you'll discover the Pencil Museum. Keswick was home to the first pencil and visitors enter the museum through a replica graphite mine.

If you want the real thing though, visit Honister Slate Mine, Britain's only working slate mine located at the head of Honister Pass. Mine tours offer a unique chance to delve deep underground and understand how the 450-millionyear-old volcanic green slate has been mined through the ages. The mine tours are suitable for all ages and take approximately 90 minutes.

The view from the top of Kirkstone Pass is still one of the most inspiring sights in the Lake District. With an altitude of 1,489 feet, it is the Lake District's highest pass that is open to motor traffic. It connects Ambleside to Patterdale.

Ashness Bridge, which is probably the most photographed Packhorse Bridge in the Lake District.

With all the activitiy and sightseeing, keep fuelled with some Kendal Mint Cake, marketed as a much-loved snack that 'fuels all of your epic adventures and travels, beginning in the Lake District and continuing across the world'.







ABOVE L-R: SNOWDONIA; SOUTH STACK LIGHTHOUSE; BRECON BEACONS; SUMMIT OF PEN Y FAN, WELSH CAKES. ALL IMAGES @SHUTTERSTOCK

SNOWDONIA

Known for:

Yr Wyddfa, or Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales. Like the Lake District, Snowdonia National Park is an easy drive from Manchester airport. The M56 will get you there in around 45 minutes to an hour.

While many will relish the challenge to climb to the summit, there is an alternative way up. The Snowdon Mountain Railway was established in 1896. Now, there is a choice between the traditional diesel service (established 1985) and the heritage steam service. Pushed by an original Swiss steam locomotive from 1896, the Snowdon Lily and the Snowdon Mountain Goat are accurate reconstructions of the Snowdon Mountain Tramroad & Hotels Co Ltd observation carriages, and are built on the original chassis and bogies from the carriages of 1896. For further information, see snowdonrailway.co.uk

If trains are your thing, then what better way to see the stunning scenery? Check out the Ffestiniog Railway – the world's oldest narrow gauge railway with almost 200 years of history, which will take you from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Or the Welsh Highland railway, which runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon, via Beddgelert and through the Aberglaslyn Pass to Porthmadog. Indulge in first class Pullman luxury and enjoy freshlycooked food delivered to your seat. Check out festrail.co.uk for further information.

Steep river gorges and waterfalls can be found in the National Park – pack your boots, take a camera, and capture some fabulous scenes!

Head over the Menai Strait to visit Ynys Mon or Anglesey. Depending on the time of year you visit, there are beaches to enjoy, castles to explore, or water sports and walking for the more active.

The Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path runs for an impressive 130 miles, with its official start point at St Cybi's Church, Holyhead. It takes an average of 12 days to complete, taking in 20 towns and villages directly on the path.

Highlights include Holyhead Mountain (the highest point on the island), South Stack lighthouse and the Menai suspension bridge. Anyone who completes the full 130 miles of the Coastal Path can be rewarded with a special badge and a certificate. Visitanglesey.

co.uk has plenty of information about the island.

Must see:

The view from the top of Snowdon – however you get there!

Castles – Wales is often called 'the land of castles', and there are 427 of them, according to the Welsh government. Beaumaris on Anglesey is famous as 'the greatest castle never built', and was the last of the royal strongholds created by Edward I in Wales.

On the mainland, Caernarfon Castle is recognised as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages. It's build on the banks of the River Seoint and is grouped with Edward I's other castles at Conwy, Beaumaris and Harlech as a World Heritage Site.

Stargazing – Snowdonia National Park was designated an International Dark Sky Reserve in 2015.

DID YOU KNOW?

Welsh is the mother tongue of the vast majority of Snowdonia's communities.

It is spoken by 58% of the Park's population.







BRECON BEACONS

Known for:

Walking, cycling and mountain biking. At just over two hours from Bristol airport, the Brecon Beacons cover approximately 250 square miles of South and Mid Wales, including parts of Powys, Carmarthenshire, Monmouthshire, Rhondda Cynon Tat and Merthur Tydfil.

The highest peak is Pen y Fan (roughly translated as Top Spot). At 886 metres, it is the highest point in southern Britain. One of the most popular walks in Wales, the climb is rewarded with splendid views. Keep to the marked trails, as some sections are steep and the drop at the top is precipitous. Parking should be in designated parking spaces only.

There is more than one way to get to the top. If you're looking for a gentler walk (around three to four hours, covering four miles) or have young children, then take the walk called 'The Motorway' by locals. Park at the Pont ar Daf car park, which is situated at around 440 metres high, and head up from there.

Alternatively, you can tackle the harder Beacons Circuit. Allow around seven to eight hours to complete the 11 mile hike.

The Beacons are the place to lose yourself if you simply want to reconnect with nature. Like Snowdonia, it has internationally recognised dark skies, so is a fantastic place if you wish to go stargazing. Wrap up warm, even in summer, and keep your eyes in night vision mode. Use a red bike light or paint the torch lens with red nail varnish. Visit the ruined Llanthony Priory as it enjoys pristine dark skies. While the Priory is closed from 4pm onwards, the owners are happy for stargazers to use the carpark and enjoy the views upwards onto Hatterrall Hill. As the owners live nearby, it is essential to keep noise to a minimum and stay within the designated area.

Must see:

National Park visitor centre in Brecon (referred to as the Mountain Centre by locals) is the place to go to find out what to do in the area. As well as visitor information, there is a café with a large outdoor terrace and spectacular views of Pen y Fan and the wider Central Beacons.

There are toilets, a gift and craft shop and a children's play area. The Visitor Centre is also one of the first rural locations to provide electric car charging points.

A popular walk on the doorstep is across the common to the summit

of Twyn Y Gaer, the site of an Iron Age hill fort.

Breconbeacons.org has a plethora of useful information.

Situated on the edge of the National Park is the bustling market town of Hay-on-Wye. Famous as the town of books and for the annual Hay Festival, it is worth a visit. This year's Hay Festival runs from Thursday 25 May - Sunday 4 June.

If you're in the area later in the summer, then the Royal Welsh Show takes place on Monday 24 – Thursday 27 July, and the Brecon County Show on Saturday 5 August.

Don't miss trying a traditional Welsh Cake (Picau ar y Maen) – cooked on traditional bakestones, they are a bit like a scone, pancake, and cookie rolled into one. When Wales was known as the largest producer of coal, the men would go off to the coal mines while the lady of the household would prepare Welsh cakes, Light, slightly spiced and sweet, they would be served with afternoon tea. I remember my Welsh grandmother making them! Delicious.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PORLOCK BAY FROM SELWORTHY BEACON, EXMOOR;

@SHUTTERSTOCK. DARTMOOR - BRAD TOR AND WIDGERY CROSS; NINE MAIDENS STONE CIRCLE;

BELSTONE TOR; DARTMOOR SHEEP @PETER WILSON. TARR STEPS CLAPPER BRIDGE, EXMOOR @SHUTTERSTOCK.

EXMOOR & DARTMOOR

Known for:

Tors and moors. The two National Parks are just over an hour's drive from each other, with Exeter (and its airport) conveniently situated approximately half way in between. Exmoor has more rolling hills, a long coast and a softer landscape than Dartmoor, with its dramatic crags. Head north/northwest for Exmoor, south/south-west for Dartmoor.

Dartmoor has National Park Visitor Centres at Princetown, Haytor, and Postbridge (where there is one of the best clapper bridges in the country - believed to date back to medieval times, it would probably have replaced stepping stones to help packhorses cross the river. The bridge has two central piers spanned by three large granite slabs, or clappers). Drop into one of the centres to get familiar with the area and find out about a variety of activities suitable for families, couples or groups.

It is home to the Dartmoor pony who roam its craggy landscape,

and is the only place in the world where you can find the tiny Bog Hoverfly.

Explore the stone rows, which consist of one or more roughly straight lines of standing stones, many of which include structures such as cairn circles or large standing stones at either or both end. Dartmoor has the largest concentrations of any area in Britain, with more than 70 known ones. Walk Stall Moor stone row. Stretching for nearly two miles, it is the longest in the world.

Dartmoor's granite tors and open landscapes have inspired authors and artists from Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes to Agatha Christie's Poirot. Many notable films have used Dartmoor as a backdrop – did you know that War Horse was filmed here?

'I have never before, in my long and eclectic career, been gifted with such an abundance of natural beauty as I experienced filming War Horse on Dartmoor', were the words of renowned director Steven Spielberg.

Exmoor is a walker's paradise, with 1,000km of rights of way, providing access to the rugged heritage coastline, 60km of which forms the first stage of the South West Coastal Path – the UK's longest National Trail.

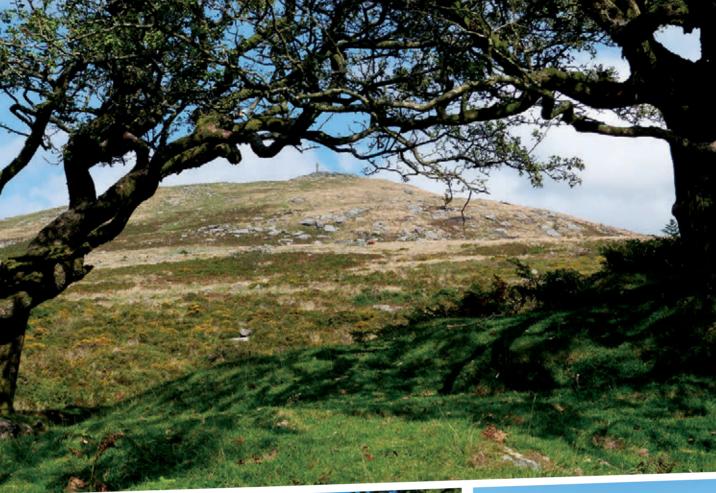
Europe's first International Dark Sky Reserve, on a clear night the Milky Way is visible with the naked eye. Its annual Exmoor Dark Skies Festival in October is an ideal time to go stargazing.

Like Dartmoor, it has a number of visitor centres, situated in Lynmouth, Dunster and Dulverton. And, like Dartmoor, it has clapper bridges, the most famous of which is Tarr Steps.

Must see:

The ponies roaming the moors in both National Parks are delightful.

For foodies, both National Parks are in, or part-in, Devon. Try a Devon cream tea – traditionally, in Devon, the scones are split in two and topped with cream followed by jam.







There are 10 National Parks in England, three in Wales and two in Scotland:

England – Broads, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Lake District, New Forest, Northumberland, North York Moors, Peak District, South Downs and Yorkshire Dales.

Wales – Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire Coast, and Snowdonia.

Scotland – Cairngorms, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs.

The National Parks have thousands of kilometres of public rights of way, over 1,300km of which is designated as suitable for those with accessibility issues – giving people incredible opportunities to explore these amazing spaces.

Conservation, enhancement, sustainability, enjoyment – four words that sit at the heart of all National Parks.











ABOVE: NEW FOREST PONY @ISTOCKPHOTO.
RIGHT: BEAULIEU HOUSE; EXBURY GARDENS @SHUTTERSTOCK

THE NEW FOREST

Known for:

The New Forest area includes the New Forest National Park, which in turn includes the largest area of lowland heath in southern England, a rare habitat that once covered this part of the country. The New Forest is not a natural landscape though, it has been shaped over hundreds of years by people, history and the animals that still graze it today. The area has a unique historic, cultural and archaeological heritage, from royal hunting grounds to shipbuilding, salt-making and 500 years of military coastal defence.

Less than 20 miles from Southampton airport, it's an easy escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Hire a car or take a train from Southampton Airport Parkway. Brockenhurst station is in the heart of the New Forest and there are also stations at Ashurst, Beaulieu Road, Sway, New Milton and Lymington Town.

Villages like Lyndhurst, Lymington, Brockenhurst, Burley and Beaulieu offer up a fabulous choice of independent art galleries, craft shops, local produce and designer clothes shops, as well as a plethora of excellent eateries. Sometimes you'll even spot a New Forest pony grazing on a village green or wandering into somebody's garden.

Walk traffic-free paths or drive across the area, stopping at quaint pubs to fill up on hearty food.

For those that enjoy outdoor activities, the New Forest is brimming with things to do. Why not try archery in the forest or canoeing and kayaking on the Beaulieu River? For those that really want to get wet, the New Forest Water Park offers a five pylon wakeboard cable. Similar to a ski lift system, it is one of the newest in the UK and is a first for the south coast.

Staying on terra firma, there are plenty of cycle paths, or if you fancy sitting back and slowing the pace down, then Burley Wagon Rides is the only wagon ride within the New Forest.

Must see:

Buckler's Hard was once a bustling shipbuilding village where ships for Nelson's navy were built. In the Buckler's Hard Museum, discover the fascinating story of the village and the ships it built. Take a ramble along the Beaulieu River or, between Easter and October, take a cruise

The village is free to entre, although parking charges (to help maintain the heritage site) apply for those arriving by vehicle.

Beaulieu is in the heart of the National Park and a day out

includes the National Motor Museum, Palace House, Beaulieu Abbey and the World of Top Gear.

The National Motor Museum features 280 vehicles, from legendary F1 cars and land speed record breakers for the speed freaks, to incredible examples of pioneering motoring for the history-buffs – and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!

Exbury is just in the New Forest, near the Beaulieu River. Exbury Gardens is world famous for the Rothschild collections of rhododendrons and azaleas. As well as visiting the Gardens, there is also a steam railway to enjoy.

The ponies, cattle, donkeys and pigs are known as 'the architects of the Forest' because it is their grazing that creates the accessible landscape. They are owned by local people, called commoners, who take great pride in their animals and there is a strong commoning culture within the Forest. The animals have an ever-changing pattern of grazing, which could not be replicated by a single herd and commoning makes a positive contribution to the remarkable biodiversity of the New Forest.







ABOVE: THE SEVEN SISTERS AND CUCKMERE HAVEN. RIGHT: WALKING THE SOUTH DOWNS; SOUTH DOWNS VINEYARD. ALL IMAGES @SHUTTERSTOCK

THE SOUTH DOWNS

Known for:

The South Downs is considered one of the most picturesque areas of South East England. The most recent region to be awarded National Park status, it spans 628 square miles, from the seaside resort town of Eastbourne to the city of Winchester, and encompasses a wide range of landscapes, from dramatic chalk cliffs to charming villages and towns.

One of the most famous sights in the South Downs is the Seven Sisters, a set of chalk cliffs that can be explored while visiting Seven Sisters Country Park, where you can walk or cycle along the paths or go kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding on the meanders.

For those wanting a challenge, the South Downs Way is a 100-mile-long path stretching the length of the South Downs. Good for walking, or fully traversable by bike, this is a great way to see everything the National Park has to offer. If you want a shorter, but equally interesting, trail, the Meon Valley Trail is 11 miles and can be explored by walking, cycling or horse riding.

For countryside with a twist, Alice Holt Forest is a royal forest in Hampshire with an assortment of activities. You can fish, cycle, walk or horse ride through the forest, or there is a Go Ape high ropes course, where you can climb across obstacles and glide down ziplines, and a Gruffalo sculpture trail to follow for the chance to meet characters from the classic children's book

Animal lovers will enjoy Dunreyth Alpacas, an Alpaca walking farm in Chichester. After walking through the forest, you can visit the gift shop, where the farm's alpaca merchandise is sold.

Must see:

The South Downs is home to countless areas of interest for history aficionados. There is plenty to explore, from castles and ruins to Tudor houses and vineyard estates.

The Cowdray Ruins are the ruins of an early Tudor house that is known to have been visited by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. It was destroyed in a fire in 1793 and the remains can be visited seasonally. The surrounding Cowdray estate is open for visitors to stay and enjoy the countryside all year round.

Petworth House is a 17th Century house displaying one of the National Trust's finest art collections, nestled in a 700-acre deer park. As well as stunning grounds, you'll find homemade cakes and coffee in a cafe in the old servants' quarters.

If an exploration of a rural estate accompanied by a glass of wine made onsite appeals to you, there are lots of estates-turned-vineyards in the South Downs. These include; Tinwood Estate, where sparkling wine is crafted using traditional methods, Winston Estate Vineyard, nestled in the chalk hills of the South Downs, and Bluebell Vineyard Estate, with award-winning sparkling wines, to name just a few.

For an educational break, many towns in the South Downs have museums and galleries, often focusing on the town's history.

Newhaven Fort is the largest defence work in Sussex and is now a military museum. You can explore underground tunnels, discover the role the fort played in history and venture onto the ramparts for panoramic views of Sussex.

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BEYOND BRIGHTON



ABOVE LEFT: ARUNDEL CASTLE.
ABOVE: WORTHING BEACH AND PIER.
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Brighton is an incredibly popular UK destination, with its lively arts scene, great shopping and the world-

shopping and the world-renowned Brighton Palace Pier. And at just 30 minutes from London Gatwick, it is incredibly easy to get there from Guernsey with Aurigny. But beyond Brighton is just as good, says Bernice Saunders.

If you've been to Brighton before, you may feel as though you've done everything there is to do in the area. However, many people don't know just how many things there are to see, do and experience just outside of, and around, Brighton. From family fun in Burgess Hill and Eastbourne to museums and galleries in Worthing, you're sure to find something that everyone will enjoy.

If you're travelling with the family and want something that will keep everyone of all ages entertained, Jumpin Inflatable Fun Theme Park is a brand new, fun-packed inflatable adventure park for everyone to enjoy, with more than 25,000 square feet of obstacle courses, climbing walls, slides and more. It is the South of England's only inflatable theme park and can be found in Burgess Hill, just 30 minutes outside Brighton. For even more family fun, you could also head to Worthing, just 40 minutes away from Brighton by train, and put your teamwork skills to the test at Mindworks Escape Rooms. Their three new and innovative escape games are sure to get everyone thinking outside the box.

People often go to Brighton for the attractions on its acclaimed pier. But head over to Eastbourne around 20 miles away – and you'll discover its somewhat quieter Victorian pier. A stunning seafront landmark, there is a brand-new walkway, a variety of shops and eateries that look out over the water. If you enjoy casting your reel and spending an afternoon fishing, this is a great spot. Worthing pier and Worthing beach are also nearby. On the pier itself, you will find two amusement arcades and fishing can be done for free. Below the pier is Worthing beach, great for sitting with fish and chips after a long day or soaking up the sun during the summer.

For art lovers and those wanting a culturally enriching getaway, countless museums and art galleries are scattered around Brighton's outskirts. Towner Eastbourne - an art gallery in Eastbourne - has been collecting and exhibiting contemporary art for almost 100 years, showcasing the most exciting developments in modern and contemporary art. If you plan to venture to Worthing, the Worthing Museum and Art Gallery boasts a range of galleries focusing on architecture, fashion and art. Alternatively, you will find the Montague Gallery, which is run by artists and has a whole host of art on sale and workshops taking place in the Upper Gallery Studio. Step back in time with a trip to the

Step back in time with a trip to the immaculately kept Arundel Castel and Gardens, with nearly 1,000 years of history. The gardens offer views over Sussex and of the Arun River, and you can explore the

Castle and its rooms at your own pace. During the summer, there are lots of events to enjoy, from medieval festivals to plant fairs.

In Newhaven, found just 30 minutes away from Brighton, you will find both Newhaven Museum, documenting the fascinating maritime history and local heritage of Newhaven, and Newhaven Fort, a fort-turned-military museum. You can explore underground tunnels, discover the role the fort played in history and venture onto the ramparts for panoramic views of Sussex.

While there, why not spend the day strolling along the River Ouse or visiting Newhaven beach, a pebble beach surrounded by cliffs.

The Weald and Downland Living Museum in Chichester (around 30 miles from Brighton) has a range of exhibitions taking visitors through different periods of history, set over a 40-acre site. There are interactive activities for kids and an open-air theatre that puts on live performances.

Head to Chawton in the South Downs and you'll find Jane Austen's house where she wrote her novels. Now a museum celebrating her life, there are letters and artefacts that can only be found at the site and the shop sells everything an Austen fan could want.

To round off the day, enjoy a taste of local theatre. Both the Royal Hippodrome and Devonshire Park Theatre in Eastbourne are venues for local drama groups and school productions as well as professional productions.













LEFT: THE BARGATE. ABOVE: WESTQUAY SHOPPING CENTRE.
ABOVE RIGHT: SEACITY MUSEUM. BELOW LEFT: WALK THE WALLS TOUR SIGN.
BELOW FAR LEFT: SOUTHAMPTON MARINA. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

Lively, historic Southampton is brimming with opportunities to keep you entertained on a 48-hour mini break, says Jessamy Baldwin.

Once you've arrived at your destination, everything is walkable from the main train station. This means more time for exploring and less need for faffing.

The city itself is brimming with shops galore, green parks, expansive sea views, historic buildings, award winning restaurants, eclectic bars and independent cafes. Couples getaway? Family filled adventure? Solo escape? I've got you covered.

DAY ONE:

Start your getaway with a comforting breakfast at trendy hotspot The Docks (try the orange laced French toast) before visiting the 5,000+ pieces on display at Southampton City Art Gallery. Then, keep exploring among the medieval town walls. You'll discover more of Southampton's rich history as you twist and turn through six gates, 13 towers, 90 listed buildings and 30 ancient monuments (all within just a one kilometre area of the city). Peruse independently or book a walking tour in advance.

Check out the family friendly activities and elaborate displays at Tudor House and Garden. If you still have time, Solent Sky is a hands on aviation museum with more than 20 aircraft on site.

In the evening, dine at one of the many restaurants in Southampton's Cultural Quarter before finishing off your first day with a show at the spectacular Mayflower Theatre (the third largest theatre in the UK).

DAY TWO:

Enjoy breakfast at The Artisan before taking a slow wander around Watts Park. Dive in for a quick coffee or snack at Halladay's Tea Rooms, where you'll be greeted with cream filled cakes, pastel colours and quirky cushions. Next up, check out the Sea City Museum, which appeals to all ages and is well worth a visit. Here you can learn more about the city's connection to the sea, including its Mayflower and Titanic heritage, while engaging in interactive and entertaining displays. Next door, you'll find the iconic Clock Tower, where you can take in panoramic views across the city.

No visit to Southampton is complete without a visit to Westquay shopping centre with its 100+ shops. Peruse for a couple of hours before grabbing dinner in the dining and leisure area. There's a huge range of bars and restaurants, as well as a cinema, so you can relax and unwind with the latest blockbuster before returning home. There's also the Harbour Lights picture-house just a short taxi ride away if arthouse or international films are more your thing.

Getting there: Southampton city centre is only four miles from Southampton Airport, which makes travelling into the city centre quick and easy. Southampton Airport Parkway station is a 60 second walk from the airport terminal and there are direct trains to Southampton Central every 10 minutes.

Where to stay:

Central and playful, **Moxy Southampton** is just a 10 minute walk from Southampton central station. Welcome cocktail included.

Rustic and charming, **The Pig in the Wall** has 12 rooms and an inhouse deli. Luxury, cosy, country house feel with plush chairs and antique furnishings.

The White Star Tavern is a handsome pub offering rooms with a nod to Titanic-era décor. Award-winning restaurant on site and an apartment room for families available.

Other places to eat and drink:

XOXO: the perfect spot for alfresco brunching. Pair a spicy Bloody Mary with a cooling blue banana smoothie bowl or opt for a traditional Bellini with the delicious potato stack.

Pam Pam: pizzas to-die-for and quirky cocktails. Great for those with dietary requirements thanks to vegan and gluten free options. Try the mango basil margarita or the miso martini.

Ruby's at the Grand: Unique paintings line the walls while an eclectic cocktail menu keeps you tantalised.

HarBAR on 6th: rooftop bar and restaurant at the top of the Harbour Hotel within the bustling Ocean Village area.

The White Star Tavern: A Sunday roast favourite, this award winning eatery offers local produce, large leather sofas, crackling fires and its famous vintage ale sticky toffee pudding.

Fancy a two-centre mini break?

It's easy to combine visiting Southampton with destinations such as Bournemouth, Winchester or Salisbury. Trains from Southampton central or the airport train station can whisk you to a number of destinations.







L-R: MOSQUE-CATHEDRAL OF CÓRDOBA; THE POMPIDOU CENTRE; ALHAMBRA PALACE, GRANADA; AERIAL VIEW OF MALAGA AT NIGHT; NIGHT SCENE AT MALAGUETA BEACH; SARDINE ESPETO. ALL IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK

MALAGA AND BEYOND:

Malaga is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the south and by the provinces of Cádiz to the west, Seville to the northwest, Córdoba to the north and Granada to the east. Aurigny is flying every Wednesday from 24 May to 2 August to the Andalucian city, and Amanda Eulenkamp takes a look at what it has to offer in the summer months.

MALAGA BY DAY

Summer days in Malaga are long and hot – average temperatures are around 20 – 24 degrees in May, heating up to around 30 degrees in July and August. Pack your sunscreen and a hat!

A perfect week's holiday combines some total relaxation time with a spot of sightseeing. There are plenty of beaches within easy reach of Malaga, including La Malagueta, La Caleta, Los Banos del Carmen and El Palo. In the height of summer they can get busy, but are well serviced with bars and restaurants. Some have play areas for kids.

If the beach isn't for you, or you just want to soak up a couple of hours' rays, there is plenty of sightseeing in Malaga. In the city itself you can cool off inside Malaga Cathedral, quite possibly one of the best Andalusian Renaissance temples.

For art lovers, Pablo Picasso's influence is clear to see in the city. Head to the art district of Soho or visit the Pompidou Centre.

As visitors from Guernsey will have a week to enjoy the sights and culture of this part of Spain, it is well worth hiring a car or taking a tour to visit the area outside Malaga. When looking for somewhere to stay, consider one of the 96 state-run Paradores. These amazing properties consist of restored castles, monasteries, convents, fortresses, manor hours and palaces, as well as exceptional modern properties.

North will take you to Cordoba. Once an important Roman city and a major Islamic centre in the Middle Ages, it is best known for La Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 784 A.D. To enter the historic centre of Cordoba, you will pass through the Almodovar Gate,

surrounded by its high walls and battlements. It marks the entrance to La Judería, the old Jewish quarter of Cordoba. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll find the city's main attractions here, including the Alcazar. Climb one of its towers for a panoramic view of the city. Afterwards, visit the gardens and relax in the shade.

The city's hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour is well worth doing to get your bearings.

Northwest will take you to Seville, Andalusia's largest city and its capital. Visit the Royal Palace (Alcazar Real de Seville), its most famous attraction. The Moorish design is breathtaking. It is still used by the King of Spain today. Don't miss the Cathedral – it's another impressive building. Both are extremely popular, and it is worth pre-booking tour tickets.

The most famous square in Seville is located in the Maria Luisa park. The Plaza de Espana was created for the Ibero-American exhibition of 1929 to symbolise peace with the former colonies. See the 52 benches with Andalusian tiles that represent all the Spanish provinces.







BY DAY AND NIGHT

Seville is home to the largest bullfighting arena in Spain. Located in the impressive 18th-century bullfighting arena, Plaza de Toros de Sevilla, is the Museo Taurino, a museum on the history of bullfighting in Seville.

Southwest will take you to Gibraltar. Despite its Moorish history (check out the Moorish Castle, a medieval fortification), Gibraltar is typically British. Pack your pounds as you can spend those as well as Euros. Walking down the High Street, you'll see familiar stores such as Marks & Spencer and Boots. Take the cable car to the top of the Rock for the views. No doubt you'll see one of the famous – and mischievous – Barbary apes.

East will take you to Granada, a wonderful city in its own right. Typically Spanish, you'll find bars decked out in dark wood and every drink accompanied by a saucer of traditional tapas. Top of its tourist attractions – whatever list you check – is the world-famous Alhambra. One of the most famous monuments of Islamic architecture, the palace and fortress complex was begun in 1238. Henry VIII's first

wife, Katherine of Aragon, spent her childhood here. She must have found 15th century England very different! Take a guided tour – there are only a limited number of tickets on sale each day, so this is a trip best planned in advance. The Alhambra's official website alhambra.org/en/ has all the details.

MALAGA BY NIGHT

Dinner time is anytime between 9pm and 11pm – and many restaurants don't even open until 8pm. There are numerous bars and nightclubs to while away the night. But Malaga has far more to offer the discerning traveller...

For night time views of the city and its main attractions, head up to the Gibralfaro viewing point. Right in the heart of the city, you'll see the bullring, the Alcazaba, Muelle Uno and the cathedral lit up. The viewing point is divided into two small balconies at different heights offering different views.

Visit the Botanical Garden at night. Created in 1950, this Englishstyle garden is full of tropical and subtropical plants from all over the world. While you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city during the day, its dramatised night-time tour 'La Concepcion' is offered on selected dates in the summer (Wednesday and Thursdays during July and August, check the website for up to date information).

Eat like the Malaguenos – Churros for breakfast – it's not unusual for locals to head out for breakfast anytime between 7.30am and 11.30am. Tuck into a hearty bocadillo (a baguette-style bread), filled with cheese and ham, a drizzle of oil and tomato.

Lunch is the main meal of the day and is generally eaten between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Head for a siesta afterwards!

Tapas in the evening – try a sardine espeto, a skewer with sardines covered in sea salt and grilled over an open fire.

Malaga is famed for its sweet dessert wines. Popular wines include Malaga Virgen Sweet and the sparkling Botani Espumoso.

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A COMMITMENT TO PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

BY CHRISTOPHER JONES, PARTNER, OGIER

It is no secret that we are seeing challenging times with rises in inflation and the cost of living, together with events unfolding beyond our shores that are having a real and significant impact on many islanders.

For Ogier, as an employer, accepting a "leave your problems at the door" mentality is not an option. Our priority has always been our people, and our continued commitment to putting our people first has never been stronger – neither has our commitment to supporting the communities in which we operate.

A company that values people for who they are as individuals and fosters an environment where they can bring their whole selves to work can make a tangible difference to people's health and wellbeing. For Ogier, this means investing in our culture and our people to ensure our workplace is one that engages everyone to thrive.

With 12 offices around the world, we see our ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion (D&I) as a global imperative. Our strategy is built on honest, often difficult, conversations led from the top but owned by everyone. Crucially, we understand that it is not enough to recognise where improvement is needed, when we have to follow through with action.

In the last year, there have been significant steps taken in support of our D&I strategy. We further expanded the support we provide for new parents by enhancing the maternity, parental, adoption and surrogacy leave benefits across all of our jurisdictions.

We decided to make the voluntary commitment, in 2021, to hold ourselves to account for our gender pay gap and to publish this data annually, becoming the first offshore firm to do so. In 2022, we saw the percentage of senior roles (partner/director level) held by women increase from 25% to 30%. While the needle has moved, we know there is work still to do. We are also mindful that gender is only one perspective from which the pay gap needs to be approached, and we are working on sensitively collecting information on our other diversity groups and protected classes to be able to include them in our pay gap data.

In addition to creating a culture that celebrates difference, we also want environmental sustainability to be embedded in our business at every level. Again, accountability is key, and we are continuing to work internally and with consultants to get it right.



In Guernsey, our team of sustainability volunteers is raising awareness and offering practical advice on improving Ogier's environmental performance, supporting our global environmental sustainability policy. Our current office refurbishment has also presented its own challenges, including managing the disposal of old office furniture and responsibly minimising any waste sent to landfill.

Donating furniture and equipment to Edible Guernsey, a charity that promotes sustainable and self-sufficient food production and social wellbeing, was one way to minimise our environmental impact. It was also one of many community organisations we've been delighted to support in the last year, alongside the Guernsey Sea Scouts, training for carers, LGBTQ+charity Liberate, Food for Families at Les Cotils, Guernsey Welfare Service foodbank, La Societe Guernesiaise and Wigwam. We've been involved with fundraising initiatives including MUG's Beard Up, MUG's Bermuda Shorts Week, 30 Bays of Christmas for Les Bourgs Hospice, the Sea Donkey Swim and, most recently, our teams have been volunteering with the Guernsey Blind Association.

Despite current challenges, Ogier's continued growth and resilience would not be possible without putting people at the core of our decision-making. This is why we will continue to strive for an inclusive culture that offers equal opportunity for progression and a positive workplace conducive to health and wellbeing.

Christopher Jones is a banking and finance specialist and practice partner in Ogier's Guernsey team.





Marc Laine, ESI Monitor and Simon Nicholas, KPMG in the Crown Dependencies

KPMG AND ESI MONITOR ANNOUNCE 'FUTURETRACKER' SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTION THROUGH ALLIANCE

KPMG in the Crown Dependencies has entered into an alliance with ESI Monitor to provide sustainability consulting and ESG reporting services with their 'FutureTracker' platform. This brings the financial reporting skills and sustainability transformation advisory capability of KPMG together with the

sustainability specialist digital products of ESI Monitor.

FutureTracker is a digital sustainability management solution that guides clients through the process for measuring their carbon footprint. The software complies with the Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Protocol, with integral calculators,

workflow management and supporting documentation storage to make the process as simple as possible. The solution also has functionality allowing clients to create roadmaps to plot and track progress towards their goals, while benchmarking each element of their footprint to peers.

COSTA RICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS JOINS TISE



Anthony Byrne, head of bond markets at TISE

The largest sustainability-linked bond issued for the digital infrastructure sector in Costa Rica has been listed on Guernsey-based The International Stock Exchange. Liberty Costa Rica Senior Secured Finance has listed \$400m. 10.875% Sustainability-Linked Senior Secured Notes due 2031 on TISE's Qualified Investor Bond Market and has been admitted to the exchange's sustainable finance segment, TISE Sustainable.

'The successful launch of such a significant sustainability-linked bond demonstrates the importance corporates across a range of industries and geographies attach to sustainability concerns, as well as the continuing appetite from institutional investors within the international debt capital markets for this type of product,' said Anthony Byrne, head of bond markets at TISE.

TISE Sustainable was launched in 2021 as a comprehensive and reputable sustainable finance segment. To further support initiatives which lead to a lower carbon economy and society, in October 2022, TISE added a new transition offering to TISE Sustainable.

DIGITAL HUB WORKS WITH MORE THAN 250 ENTREPRENEURS IN 2022



Digital Greenhouse director Lucy Kirby

The Digital Greenhouse worked with more than 250 entrepreneurs and helped 240 people to gain new digital qualifications in 2022. The island's digital hub, established as an innovation and entrepreneurial centre in Market Street in 2016, brings together individuals, community and industry, focusing on digital and creative sectors and supporting any type of new business. It delivers more than one initiative a month, and offers a range of programmes to support islanders looking to start their own business or scale one. 'Programmes across 2022 have showcased and celebrated the breadth of innovation and entrepreneurship in the island, with tech, data and sustainability being top areas of focus,' said Digital Greenhouse director Lucy Kirby. 'The success and impact as an innovation and entrepreneurial hub would not be possible without the continued support from the Committee for Economic Development and our key industry sponsors and partners, who enable us to deliver initiatives without cost to the public, ensuring that we are a fully accessible service for the whole community.' Deputy Sasha Kazantseva-Miller, member of Economic Development, said: 'The Digital Greenhouse continues playing a central role in supporting the States of Guernsey's strong commitment to investing in the digital, skills and entrepreneurship ecosystem. 'The continuous evolution and development of the programmes and services provided by the Digital Greenhouse are in large part thanks to the partnerships and engagement with industry and members, and I would like to thank all businesses and individuals that have been involved in making it happen.' The Digital Greenhouse's annual report for 2022 is available at www.digitalgreenhouse.gg or in printed form from the Digital Greenhouse.



Guernsey Finance chief executive, Rupert Pleasant

SURVEY SHOWS STRONG CONFIDENCE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Confidence in the future of Guernsey's financial services sector is positive, according to a survey of business leaders carried out by Guernsey Finance.

The results confirmed healthy business development and profitability – as reported by 92.9% and 83.3% of respondents respectively. However, while the results were largely positive, there were still challenges to be faced, with respondents identifying both housing and staff as key factors impacting on both the present and future prosperity of Guernsey's finance sector.

Two thirds of respondents expressed confidence in the future of Guernsey's Financial Services sector, which is fantastic to hear,' said Guernsey Finance chief executive, Rupert Pleasant. 'Confidence in the expertise and capacity to handle sustainability enquiries was also reported to be high – evidence of Guernsey's enviable knowledge base in sustainable finance – with more than 90% of respondents now reporting that they receive enquiries in this field. Conversely, the survey highlighted that many firms feel expertise could be improved for virtual assets and blockchain enquiries in order to take enquiries forward.'

Mr Pleasant said that the survey proved a useful temperature check of the local industry and provided Guernsey Finance with a useful tool from which it can learn and grown.

BROOKS MACDONALD MOVES INTO NEW OFFICES



Brooks Macdonald International, one of the largest independent investment managers in the Channel Islands, has relocated to new premises in Guernsey as part of an ongoing strategy to embed sustainability within its operations.

Its new offices at Hirzel Court have been recently refurbished with energy efficiency in mind and to reflect modern work-place sustainability criteria. The move is part of a raft of measures set to reduce the company's emissions by the end of 2023, with the ultimate target of meeting net-zero by 2030. All Guernsey-based staff have now moved in.

'Moving to an office that offers greater opportunity to operate in

a more sustainable way is a real step forward towards meeting our net zero targets,' said James Hollowell, head of Guernsey at Brooks Macdonald. 'It also positions us well for the future in Guernsey, providing a dedicated space that supports hybrid and agile working in a modern, fit-forpurpose environment in which our colleagues can thrive.'



GAPP chairman Stephen Ainsworth

ESG FRAMEWORK PUBLISHED

The Guernsey Association of Pension Providers has published an ESG framework aimed at giving guidance to industry practitioners seeking to incorporate environmental, social and governance considerations into pension planning.

The framework is similar in structure to the Guernsey International Insurance Association's ESG framework that was launched in 2021, and strengthens Guernsey's growing suite of ESG-focused guidance.

'ESG is no longer marginal and is increasingly being regarded as a core issue for international pension schemes. Our members have indicated that they would welcome further guidance in this area following growing emphasis on ESG issues for pension planning,' said GAPP chairman Stephen Ainsworth.

TENN CAPITAL EXPANDS INTO JERSEY

Tenn Capital, the Guernsey-based provider of short-term lending, has acquired Jersey-based alternative lender Oaklands Secure Lending. Tenn Capital offers short-term loans secured against UK and selected international residential real estate, allowing borrowers to

access liquidity quickly to purchase, refinance or release equity from residential real estate. This transaction will give Tenn Capital a physical presence in both islands, as it prepares to significantly increase lending activity across the Channel Islands.



Matt Watson

Long term prospects remain bright for Guernsey property market



Robust demand continues for Local and Open Market homes

Since the start of this year it's fair to say that Guernsey's property market has returned to what might be described as more 'normal' trading conditions. The level of activity that we experienced following the outbreak of the pandemic was always going to be impossible to sustain longer term and a little of the heat has certainly disappeared in terms of the number of sales agreed.

However, that's not to say the market has been struggling. Almost £900m worth of property changed hands last year - the second highest value of property conveyed in the time these figures have been recorded. Although some £100m lower than 2021, it was still £100m higher than the third-highest year (2020).

There is no escaping the fact that the wider political and economic uncertainty has led to a little more caution from buyers, but demand remains strong with a good number of people still looking to move.

Price rises

According to the States of Guernsey property bulletin for the end of 2022, the number of sales above £1m increased in the fourth quarter of last year – indicating that buyers at the higher end of the market are still active and perhaps less reliant on borrowing to fund their move, therefore reducing the impact of rising interest rates.

The average house price in the Local Market meanwhile increased 15% year on year to £657,846 at the end of 2022, while the average house price in the Open Market was around £1.8m – 11% higher than the same period in 2021.

Outlook

While supply levels have improved in recent months there is still a shortage of stock when compared to demand – particularly in the island's most sought after locations – and this may well continue to underpin prices in the short term.

While Guernsey has not been completely immune from the tougher lending rates and financial uncertainty facing the UK, a large number of Savills buyers use cash or equity to fund their move which could also go some way to insulating against wider financial pressures.

Looking ahead, long term commitment to move remains strong and the island's property markets should remain robust given underlying demand and quality of life on offer. As a result we expect property to outperform the prime UK market over the next five years.

However there's no doubt that costs of living and the increase in interest rates is currently impacting on buyers' spending power, so for those hoping to sell setting a realistic guide price is crucial.

Rental market

The latest States of Guernsey property bulletin for the end of 2022 appears to suggest that rental prices are stabilising – albeit they're still higher than this time last year and have seen significant five year growth.

People are now keeping a much closer eye on their finances and are having to cut their cloth accordingly. In order to pass referencing, annual income also has to be at least 30 times the monthly rent – so it does limit what people can afford.

Demand for smaller apartments – especially but not exclusively – those in a central location remains incredibly high. Many are letting within days and without having to be advertised. By contrast the market for larger properties has been very quiet.

Savills Guernsey has a large pool of applicants, the vast majority of which are coming from overseas to work in the financial sector and medical professions. It's incredibly competitive and for those looking, the best advice is to make sure that you're registered with an agent. That way you'll hear about new properties before they launch and have the greatest chance of finding what you want.

Moving forward, the lettings market should stay resilient. There is a steady stream of people coming to the island for work – so demand for smaller apartments in and around St Peter Port will continue. However would-be tenants are increasingly price sensitive and landlords will have to keep that firmly in mind as we head into the rest of the year.

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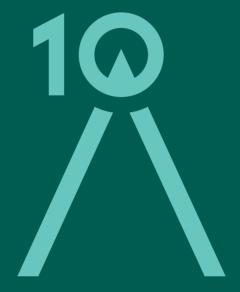
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We are thrilled to be celebrating our 10 year anniversary. We are proud to have established a thriving and creative Architectural practise. The team at JGA would like to thank our clients and partners for their ongoing support.





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CREATING DREAM HOMES



BY JAMES GAVEY MCIAT FOUNDER OF JGA

It's 10 years since I set up JGA as a full-service, chartered architectural practice. With new-build dwellings, listed building upgrades, residential developments, commercial office fitouts and retail projects, it's been a decade of growth, high service levels and team building. But this year feels like the start

A conversation on a ski lift took me from the Alpine mountain slopes to setting up JG Architecture from my house back in 2013. The rest, as they say, is history.

When I was young, I never thought of myself as being particularly entrepreneurial, but I did have passion, ambition and the drive to succeed in a career. This has certainly helped to get the business up and running, and it's certainly been a journey over the past 10 years, from moving into offices at L'Islet and now at the Cobo Business Centre.

We thoroughly enjoyed converting our current office space from an industrial storage unit and we were proud to win a Guernsey Design Award for the project in 2022. With plenty of parking for staff and clients, surrounded by green fields and Cobo beach on the doorstep, it is an ideal location.

It's a great example of how a working environment can have a positive impact on recruitment. We have grown from myself to 10 staff, and will be looking to expand as we enter our next decade.

With JGA being a recognised chartered practice under the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT), I had the opportunity to become chairman of the Channel Island region in 2020. This role involves represention of all local Architectural Technologists, promoting CIAT and encouraging new members to the institute.

One of the pleasures of growing a business is seeing the personal development of the team. Miles Pengelley (MCIAT) has played a leading role in staff training and development, with half of the JGA staff on their way to becoming chartered. I believe this sends a strong message of the importance of best practice in our industry. Like houses, it is the foundation on which all good businesses should be built.

When collaborating with clients and service providers, it's essential that we deliver great customer service, and that can only happen when we listen to their exact needs and are able to communicate innovative solutions.

Our motto is 'design for the future' and sustainability is key for any new project. With growing concerns over climate change and the finite nature of these resources, there is increasing pressure on architects and construction firms to reduce their environmental impact.

We are great believers in sustainability from the outset of design, such as building orientation, passive solar gain and considering renewable technologies, such as air source or solar pv systems, to name a few. Recycling materials where possible, and promoting active travel, are becoming consistent design considerations in an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint.

Technology development has changed since the start of JGA, with our design software changing to ensure our clients always receive high quality visuals. It's wonderful to see fully modelled designs brought to life through rendering and video visuals. From the days of the drawing board, it is very enjoyable to show clients how their project will look before works start on site.

For our anniversary, we are undertaking several initiatives, including designing the Island Games water feature for the opening ceremony, launching #JustGetActive, which is a challenge-based charity event in September (watch this space), and we're looking forward to a party to celebrate all the hard work the team has invested in the business.

Although the business is 10 years old, it does feel like the start of something – the beginning of an exciting new era. Our role is to solve our clients' problems with creative ideas, and with our fantastic team we have big plans for the next 10 years.

Here's to our 20th anniversary!

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REGULATORY VISITS: ARE YOU READY?

Most organisations view regulatory visits with a sense of trepidation. It's perfectly understandable; any compliance failings can have huge implications for both the business' reputation and that of the jurisdiction in which it operates.

The good news is, that by taking a proactive approach and preparing in advance, organisations can feel confident that they are in the best shape when the regulator comes knocking. James Wood, Chief Executive at Redwood Group, provides some advice on preparing for a regulatory visit.

Benjamin Franklin coined the famous phrase, 'By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail', and this couldn't ring truer when it comes to regulatory visits. Regulators have noticeably stepped up their enforcement role in recent years, which has led to heavy fines for those coming under scrutiny and reputational damage that can be hard to recover from. The most important advice we give our clients is to invest in the time and expertise it takes to ensure a robust framework is in place. By undertaking a few simple steps, every member of the organisation can feel confident that regulatory obligations are being met.

BRING IN AN ADVISOR

Compliance specialists provide extensive knowledge and expertise in all major areas. Whether you need extra help or more comprehensive support, bringing in compliance expertise will allow your team to focus on business as usual while your compliance is being taken care of. These specialists can deliver objective advice and recommendations, from assisting and evaluating current compliance policies to providing team training where needed. Beyond preparing for the regulatory visit, they can also help with compliance monitoring planning, setting up programmes that can be reviewed on a regular basis.

UNDERTAKE A HEALTH CHECK

Keeping up with the ever more stringent AML, CFT and CPF measures and obligations can be a challenge, which is why a health check can identify where

improvements are urgently needed. The best advisors will review and monitor your current business policies, procedures and processes against current regulations and industry best practice. Detailed reporting will provide guidance on any remedial work you need to perform before the visit, to ensure you're operating in line with international standards, and a framework to quide your operations.

UPSCALE AS NEEDED

Meeting regulatory measures can be stressful, expensive and time-consuming, so bringing in professional expertise can deliver real value to your business. The best specialists can integrate with your team, either on a short-term or more extended basis, for both proactive or reactive project support. Acting as an extension to your business, these specialists can also review your current compliance processes and provide guidance and consultancy on changes to meet industry best practice.

PREPARE THE BOARD

Every regulator wants to see that senior management is taking responsibility for compliance, so it's vital to ensure that every member of the Board has an equal voice. Knowledge is critical to ensuring that Board members are confident in making the best impression, so strategy and communication are crucial. While the interview process can be stressful, it's also an opportunity to promote how well you run your business, from the top down. Compliance specialists can provide tips and techniques on how to prepare for these interviews, or undertake a mock visit that will help everyone feel fully prepared and confident.

While a regulatory visit may feel daunting, with the right amount of preparation, a successful one can have a lasting and positive impact, assuring stakeholders and employees of the quality of the organisation's operational standards.

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HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER GUERNSEY

When Norman Piette agreed to help redevelop Guernsey's Rural Community Workshop, they already had lorry loads of skills, experience and willing team members.

In 2019 Norman Piette, the family-owned builders merchant, won the Corporate Social Responsibility award at Guernsey's Community Foundation Awards for their work redeveloping the Guernsey Chest & Heart Clinic for free.

Around 20 staff – the Norman Piette task force - gave up six months of their time to completely renovate the tired building. The charity's heart screening service has been extended, there are extra consulting rooms and they've introduced new state-of-the-art technology.

Executive Manager at the NP Group, Steve Powell, was in charge of the award-winning initiative:

'It was fantastic to work on such an important community project. Winning the award was excellent recognition for the effort my colleagues put into the redevelopment. But the next question was: how do we follow that?'

Then GROW launched a campaign to raise funds. The local institution helps adults with learning difficulties develop self-confidence and life skills, enabling them to take on meaningful employment in the wider community.

From 1984 GROW has provided training in horticulture and a sheltered working environment. But, a few years ago, it was recognised that the St Sampsons site was no longer safe and redevelopment was required.

Steve says Norman Piette's mission statement is 'helping to build a better Guernsey' and the GROW site fitted the bill perfectly:

'We couldn't take on something of this size in its entirety so decided to take on one part and make it special. We chose to offer free labour and free materials to build a new potting shed.

'BW Builders laid the concrete floor slab, dug the drains and put in the services. Then we could get to work.'

Steve says they chose to work on the potting shed as it was to be a timber-based construction and works well with the company's key skills:

'We manufactured elements of the building in-house, such as the external wall panels, all the benches and the interior wall panels.

'We love re-using old timber so it doesn't go into landfill. An old workshop was demolished so we've re-purposed the Glulam 'frames' and used them as a major structural element in the potting shed.

'The shed will be a warm, well insulated working environment, the cladding is lightweight and the building will be energy efficient. That was very satisfying.'

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Craig Gontier, says around 15 colleagues gave up time to work on the project:

Everyone is very proud of the difference they have made here. Senior managers have really enjoyed spending the day here and people from different departments have learned new skills and made connections with other colleagues.

'There's a real sense of togetherness working with new people. Maybe an accountant alongside a store man or a driver. It's been great for team-building and it was important that they got their hands dirty.

'On the Chest and Heart project, my favourite bit was when the nurses saw it for the first time. The looks on their faces said it all. So, we are really looking forward to the GROW crew's first day here.'

Steve says many of the team learned new skills and got practical experience using many of the products they sell so are now able to give better advice to Norman Piette customers.

'Our colleagues get tremendous personal satisfaction from making their contribution, GROW gets a wonderful new facility and Norman Piette fulfils its promise to help build a better Guernsey. It's a win/win situation really!

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BY ANDY FOTHERGILL, JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR, PRINTED IN GUERNSEY

Why has Printed in Guernsey acquired one of the best-known embroidery businesses in the Channel Islands?

We have been embellishing customers clothing for many years and have printed thousands of t-shirts, hoodies and workwear using traditional vinyl methods, direct-to-garment and transferring designs onto clothing using pressure and heat (sublimation).

So why do we need embroidery too?

We know that businesses value good, bespoke customer service, something we pride ourselves on. When they can discuss all of their printing and embroidery requirements with one contact, rather than several, it makes life so much easier. It saves time, speeds up the process, increases trust and lowers the cost. It makes repeat ordering so much easier, too.

We offer clothing printing and embroidery services to businesses, charities, schools, States' departments and sports clubs across the Bailiwick, but also make a full range of other services available that were not previously accessible at Ego Motifs.

If your firm wants its uniforms or workwear printed, we would love to do that for you. We can even offer bulk pricing for staff use or workwear. Now you can also get your business cards designed and printed, your company cars and vans branded and your invoices printed and posted all in one place, here in Guernsey with a local firm. We also have really talented creatives on the team who can design the work for you. You wouldn't need to go anywhere else.

Branded clothing is a powerful marketing weapon for businesses, clubs and causes. Supporters, customers and employees become eye-catching mobile advertisements walking round the islands promoting your brand. With the latest digital printing technology, we can print onto almost anything – hats, shirts, jackets, banners, flags, posters, mugs, pens, beach wraps... the list goes on. Now we can embroider on to clothing too.

With companies having to put more focus on their carbon footprint, the rising cost of postage and transportation, delays due to UK industrial action and a desire to support Guernsey businesses, we are already

seeing more and more clients coming to us for a wide variety of requirements. It's good to keep the money in the island. It makes ecological and business sense!

As I set out in the February edition of this publication, at Printed in Guernsey we take our sustainability responsibilities extremely seriously and we look at all aspects of our operation. The provenance of our t-shirts, hoodies and other clothing is very important to us so we only use suppliers who subscribe to the Ethical Trading Initiative.

All materials, such as paper, originate from a supply which is renewed and well-managed. We are proud to have the Forest Stewardship logo on our work. We're also a member of the Woodland Trusts' Carbon Capture Scheme, offsetting the CO2 emissions of the paper we use.

Our new family member has hit the ground running and we are supplying over 5000 clothing items for local volunteers at the NatWest Island Games, which take place in July. All of these were printed in-house at our factory in St Sampson's.

Guernsey 2023 Games Director, Julia Bowditch, says they want the whole event to be as carbon-neutral as possible:

"To get the services of a local business such as Printed In Guernsey is very important to us. It means we can get all of our volunteer clothing sourced, designed, printed and delivered on-island, reducing our environmental footprint while also supporting local business. We will be getting their assistance on other printed materials too."

As official merchandisers to Guernsey 2023, we'll also be producing a range of souvenirs that will be available as keep-sakes of the event.

So, bringing Ego Motifs into Printed in Guernsey makes complete business sense for us. We also believe it makes complete business and environmental sense for our customers, too.

BRANDED CLOTHING IS A POWERFUL MARKETING WEAPON FOR BUSINESSES, CLUBS AND CAUSES.



RESOLUTION IT AND CORE FUND SERVICES

CORE'S FOUNDER AND CEO, MARTIN SCOTT, SPEAKS ABOUT HIS PARTNERSHIP WITH RESOLUTION IT

Core Fund Services (Guernsey) Limited ('Core') is a dynamic new financial services business providing fund and fiduciary services to the Guernsey market.

Core is independently owned with a long-term sustainable strategy, offering a full suite of bespoke fund administration, accounting, compliance and corporate governance services to investment funds and management entities.

Over the course of his career within the fund services industry, Martin Scott, the CEO and founder of Core, has identified that one of the major operational difficulties for firms in the sector arises from the complexity of their IT infrastructure. Therefore, for Martin, it was essential that Core's IT structures were created to be sophisticated, resilient and user friendly from day one.

Resolution IT's partnership with Core is a great example of how the right IT partner can successfully assist a new business in getting up and running quickly and effectively.

To explore their partnership further, Martin spoke about why he trusts Resolution IT to help his business grow.

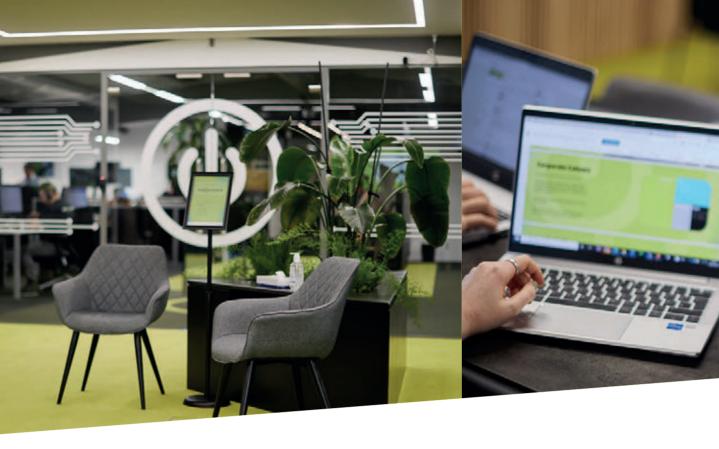
Fundamentally, it's important that Core's own business model is as simple and efficient as possible. Due to the legal and regulatory obligations in our industry, our clients will often have complicated structures, so we want to ensure we can prioritise our clients' needs without any obstacles at our end.

Our technology infrastructure needed to stand the test of time and aid us in supporting clients both now and long into the future. This meant making the strategic decision to invest more from day one, which we believe will prove much more cost effective and sustainable in the long-term.

Core's business culture is about human beings and relationships. As a result, we look for companies that share these values and apply them in a business world, and to that extent we have found Resolution IT to be a great partner for us and their team to be extremely helpful and professional, just like Core's people.

The best organisations have leaders that really care about all aspects of their business. Such people ensure that business is undertaken in the correct way, while having immense pride in their people and their outcomes. That's something about Resolution IT that struck a chord with me from our first meeting with their team.

From the very start of our partnership, Resolution IT has been highly engaging and proactive, whether it's the helpdesk dealing



'THINGS MOVE QUICKLY IN OUR INDUSTRY, AND I KNOW THAT RESOLUTION IT WILL MOVE QUICKLY WITH US.'

with our queries swiftly, the technical team advising on best practices for our infrastructure set up or our account manager being available to discuss and plan both our current and future needs whenever required.

A significant effort has been put in from their side and I've been very impressed by the Resolution IT team. Of course, it's inevitable that things can go awry in any business – but the most important thing is what happens when they do. Such issues need to be resolved quickly and I believe that, by having the right caliber of business relationship and people with a can-do attitude, they will be.

From day one, we wished for Core to be a portable and flexible business, providing the opportunity for our team to work from home or whilst travelling on business if they need to.
Resolution IT has implemented Microsoft 365 along with a 'one device' policy, so things are kept simple for our team and work is securely accessible from anywhere.

Everyone understands the importance of cyber security in the modern world and it is essential that Core meets the associated regulatory and data protection requirements. The pro-active engagement, as well as practical advice and assistance, from the security team has been invaluable to us, both in terms of meeting our legal obligations and demonstrating to our potential target market the robustness of our IT set up.

Core has also engaged Resolution IT for its virtual Chief Information Security Officer ('vCISO') service, which acts as a compliance function on our IT infrastructure and includes regular reports, board-level presentations and a compliance monitoring program over our IT systems. The great thing about the vCISO role is that it enables Core to evidence how we comply with requirements, thus providing clients, stakeholders and our own team members with peace of mind about our underlying systems.

As Core is currently in the start-up phase, the vCISO role required by

our business is straightforward. However, our regular interaction with the team at Resolution IT, coupled with their vCISO service model, means that we can scale the service up as we grow and as our needs and the needs of our stakeholders become more complex.

Worrying about technology solutions is not a good use of Core's management time, but we must know that it's being undertaken correctly. We engage and communicate effectively with the Resolution IT team to explain what we need and then rely on them to deliver on these needs or recommend even better ways of achieving the same high-quality outcomes. Their reciprocation of this has been instrumental in making our experience with Resolution IT a success.

Core became regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission in November 2022 and officially opened for business in January 2023. You can learn more about them by visiting their website, www.corefundservices.co.uk

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE — THE VALUE OF A NON-EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD

BY JAMES DOLTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, TMF GROUP, GUERNSEY

For those in the business community the acronym NED – for Non-Executive Director – is a well-known one, but for those detached from this world the role is perhaps less familiar.

Indeed, for natives of Scotland the NED may conjure the entirely different image of a Non-Educated Delinquent. In many respects the Scottish colloquial interpretation, dating from the early 19th century, is the antithesis of the Non-Executive Director. A NED is, in the simplest of terms, an independent member of a company's board of directors who does not hold an executive office. In practice a NED performs a multi-faceted role, offering a range of expertise encompassing board performance review, strategic direction, risk management, and a whole host of other services dependant on the needs of the business.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EXECUTIVE AND A NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR?

There is no legal distinction in Guernsey between executive and non-executive. They have the same legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities as an executive director. Crucially the NED is not an employee of the company. This independence affords the perspective of an individual who is:

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WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A NED?

Part of the role of the board is to effectively manage the risks of a business. In a world of increasing uncertainty, the ability to see around corners, and plan for the future, has never been more valuable.

The UK Corporate Governance code suggests that a non-executive 'Should provide constructive challenge, strategic guidance, offer specialist advice and hold management to account'.

If a non-executive is able to deliver each of these objectives, undoubtably a significant ask, the ability of the board to make informed, forward thinking decisions is certainly enhanced.

'THE MOST RELIABLE WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT.'

Abraham Lincoln

While a non-executive is no better able to predict the future than others, experience, insight and independence are all important attributes to help navigate the storm when things don't go to plan. A business never intends to be adversely impacted by macroeconomic events, internal mistakes, or other factors that cause a shock to the business. When these events do happen the executive often benefit significantly from the guidance of a strong NED.

WHAT VALUE DOES A NED BRING TO TMF?

There are many reasons why a business may choose to appoint a non-executive to its corporate board. Personally, when the prospect was raised within my own organisation, it was immediately an opportunity I thought would add value to the business.

As a growing local business, with a tight knit group of executives, it is often found that each member knows their role within the business intimately. As a result, we tend to do a great job of analysing the detail and identifying specific issues within the business, but less well when it comes to taking a fresh perspective or identifying opportunities that break the mould.

Recently we welcomed Sandra Platts to our board as chair, who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and industry insight to the role. Sandra is focused on helping the board take an objective view on the content of our board reporting, sharpening focus on the direction of our business development efforts, as well as providing insightful feedback on board performance.

In many instances the intuitive solutions were already lurking somewhere in the back of an executive's mind. The talent of a non-executive is not to provide the answers, but to act as a filter for the board to separate the silt from the nuggets of gold.



HOW IS THE LANDSCAPE OF THE BOARDROOM CHANGING?

Traditionally, the perception of the Boardroom has been a habitat populated largely by a relatively small age and gender demographic. Research from the Spencer Stuart Board index shows that this is changing rapidly. Within the UK FTSE 150 companies there are now more female NEDs than men with 53%* of all non-executives being women. Executive directors are still predominantly men making up 61%* of board members. Directors with a minority ethnic background are also increasingly making up a greater proportion of board members with 15%* of all board members self-identifying with this background.

*Spencer Stuart Broad Index 2021

WHAT TOPICS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO GUERNSEY BOARDS IN 2023?

ESG (Environment, Social and Governance)

Of all the acronyms, of which there are many, probably the most frequently uttered by board members in 2023 is ESG. While formal regulation is not yet upon us in the Bailiwick, Guernsey is a member of the UN Finance Centres for Sustainability network (FC4S) and is committed to shaping its framework to incorporate ESG and sustainable finance initiatives.

There is an acknowledgement amongst boards that a sensitive approach to ESG will be a core pillar of the service offering in the future. There is also a sense that success will be achieved by those at the forefront of the curve. TMF Group are listening closely to our clients' needs in developing a compelling offering in this space which we expect to become an increasingly integral service line in the coming months and years.

In anticipation of this growth TMF has appointed a global Director of ESG Solutions, Flavia Micilotta (flavia.micilotta@tmf-group.com), who will shape the future in this sphere.

People Culture Wellbeing

As an island with a finite pool of people from which to recruit people, culture and wellbeing continue to be vital in maintaining a healthy business in 2023. While base pay continues to be a key motivator

for employees, a growing trend within my own business is how much emphasis people place on the environment they work in, and the non-monetary benefits a business is able to offer.

Our culture is built upon a desire to deliver quality client service, and is encouraging of any ideas that help shape a business its employees can all be proud of. We are keen to develop our visibility in the local community, and support causes that our employees feel most passionately about.

Wellbeing has taken on a greater focus post the pandemic and we at TMF are acutely aware of the importance of looking after our principal resource, our employees. Whether it's offering flexible working conditions, funding a gym membership, offering staff time off to do volunteer work, it's little things that often make the difference. A piece of fruit, sausage roll, or Danish pastry provided by the business on a Friday morning is a treat that is warmly appreciated by the TMF staff - it doesn't cost a lot but shows that the business cares.

Regulatory focus

Guernsey is expecting its next MONEYVAL visit in 2024. This oversight by the Council of Europe is an important examination of the measures taken in Guernsey to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. Local businesses are acutely aware of the importance of this outcome and are keen to ensure the good standing of their own businesses contributes to a positive impression of the robust environment the Guernsey regulator seeks to promote.

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PEOPLE, CULTURE AND WELLBEING CONTINUE TO BE VITAL IN MAINTAINING A HEALTHY BUSINESS IN 2023.



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2023 – THE YEAR WE 'STAY TOGETHER'?

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The Office for National Statistics recently released a series of statistics concerning marriage and civil partnership. The headline takeaway was that the proportion of adults who have never married or been in a civil partnership has increased every decade, whereas the proportion of adults who are married or in a civil partnership (including separated) has fallen.

Guernsey has more recently seen a trend where in 2022 there were 25 fewer final orders for divorce than in 2021, bringing divorces to their lowest level in more than a decade.

So, what do these statistics about marriage and relationships mean? These statistics have recently made the news, discussing the reasons for the changes and speculating that the decline in married couples (and, possibly as a result, the decline in divorce) has been linked to the expense of getting divorced, Covid lock-downs and generally fewer marriages over all.

It may be that couples are choosing to stay together or to work through difficulties in their marriages.

However, it is also very possible that people are choosing to make use of other options, such as Judicial Separation, or are waiting for the anticipated change in the Matrimonial Causes (Guernsey) Law 1939, which is expected to come into effect in 2023. Currently, the only ground for divorce is the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, which must be proved by either adultery, unreasonable behaviour, two years' separation with consent, five years' separation, or desertion.

As a result, currently the only way a couple can get divorced without alleging fault on the other side is by separating for two years.

JUDICIAL SEPARATION

Judicial separation effectively decides the parties' finances without bringing an end to the marriage itself. If both parties can reach an agreement with regard to a financial settlement, this can be recorded in a formal document and approved by the court. This can also set out arrangements for any children of the marriage.

This brings an end to any financial claims while the parties remain legally married. Some people chose never to divorce and others want to separate their



finances and personal affairs as soon as they can and follow up with a divorce at the earliest opportunity, which is often after a separation of two years.

It is a personal choice which is, understandably, different for every person.

CHANGES TO THE LAW

Guernsey has decided to bring in a no-fault divorce provision, which, it is anticipated, will give parties the option of bringing their marriage to an end without alleging fault and without the need for a period of separation.

It is hoped that not needing to allege fault will help promote the possibility of an on-going relationship between the parties, especially when there are children involved and when the parties will need to continue to work with each other going forward.

If you would like more information on any of the topics discussed in this article, please contact Elizabeth Couch, Sarah Millar or Jazzmin Le Prevost on 01481 734228 or visit collascrill.com

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WHY SHOULD I MAKE A WILL?







Marí Warnich Associate

A wills survey we conducted a couple of years ago showed that 59% of islanders under 50 had not made a will, despite 86% of those surveyed saying they believed it was important to have one.

So why is it important? A will provides certainty for your family and friends at a difficult time and helps reduce the costs and timescales to administer your estate. Everyone's family circumstances are different, meaning how your assets are divided after your death can be different without a will and not necessarily what you intended.

Did you know that if you have a partner but are not married or in a civil partnership, your partner will not receive anything from your estate upon your death, regardless of how long you have been cohabiting? There is no such thing as a common law spouse, so you should make a will if you want your partner to inherit your estate. Without a will, your partner will have to make an application to court to claim against your estate. This is an uncertain, costly, stressful and time-consuming process which should be avoided.

If you own real estate and die without a will, the heirs to your house or land will be unable to provide good title to a purchaser and will have to apply for an administration order from the Royal Court in order to sell. This process involves additional costs and might delay the sale. Making a will naming the heirs to your real estate ensures that they have good title to sell the property upon your death.

If you have children, but want your spouse/civil partner to receive all your assets, you need to make a will. Many spouses wish to leave everything to each other upon the first spouse's death to ensure the survivor is appropriately provided for during the rest of their lifetime. Thereafter they may decide to leave the estate to their children.

If you have minor children, you may want to consider naming a guardian or making specific trust provisions for them in your will. 'Descendants' under the intestacy rules refer to both legitimate and illegitimate children and the distinction is best made by specifically naming your children in your will.

A WILL PROVIDES CERTAINTY FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT A DIFFICULT TIME AND HELPS REDUCE THE COSTS AND TIMESCALES TO ADMINISTER YOUR ESTATE.

It may well be that you want to leave part of your estate to persons other than your spouse and children. If you want to provide for other relatives, such as stepchildren, or leave a gift to friends or charity, you should make a will.

You may want to choose who will deal with your estate and making a will allows you to appoint an executor to administer your estate. They will apply for a Grant of Probate if necessary, collect in your assets, settle any liabilities and distribute your estate to your heirs.

You should appoint someone who you trust and who has the skills and time to be your executor to avoid any delay and/or financial loss. You can appoint the partners of a law firm. They will charge for their time but you will be satisfied that professionals are looking after your family's best interests. We produce a free 'Our Guide To Probate' if you wish to find out more.

Making a will need not be a complex and time-consuming process. However, to ensure a will is legally valid, it should be carefully drafted and the correct advice and guidance specific to your circumstances should be received. Get in touch if you would like to discuss your affairs in complete confidence and receive clear and concise advice, or ask us to send you our free 'Our Guide To Your Will'.



ARE ELECTRIC VEHICLES REALLY PERFECT FOR GUERNSEY?

Over 2,800 electric and hybrid vehicles are now registered in Guernsey, smashing the 2019 prediction of just 705 vehicles. As purchase prices continue to fall, we're likely to continue seeing an increase.

But are we ready to drive electric? Here we discuss some real-world statements made about electric vehicles.

FORGET ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES. HYDROGEN IS THE REAL ANSWER

We will certainly need hydrogen to get us to Net Zero, but it is fairly unlikely to be in everyday cars.

Firstly, there's efficiency. More electricity is needed to travel a mile in a hydrogen car than travel the same mile in a battery car.

Secondly, we need hydrogen for things that are difficult to electrify – such as very heavy vehicles and construction plants. Hydrogen could be a crucial way to decarbonise long-haul Heavy Goods Vehicles, for example.



Green hydrogen also isn't cheap. When used, hydrogen only emits clean water vapour. However, a huge amount of commercial hydrogen is produced using fossil-fuels such as gas, which produces greenhouse gas emissions.

FOR TRULY 'GREEN' HYDROGEN, ELECTRICITY MUST FIRST BE PRODUCED FROM 100% RENEWABLE SOURCES BEFORE ELECTROLYSIS CAN THEN PRODUCE THE GREEN HYDROGEN WE NEED.

PRODUCING AN EV IS MORE CARBON INTENSIVE THAN PRODUCING A PETROL OR DIESEL CAR

Producing an electric vehicle can result in around 44% more in carbon emissions than producing a petrol or diesel vehicle. Some articles zoom in on this figure to make claims that EVs therefore produce more carbon in total. But this fails to take into account lifecycle carbon emissions.

Over a vehicle's lifecycle – including production, operation, maintenance and end-of-life – an average EV charged between 11pm and 5am in Guernsey could produce nearly 70% less in CO2 emissions than the average petrol vehicle.

ANY PRODUCT'S LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED BEFORE MAKING PURCHASE DECISIONS BASED ON CARBON CLAIMS.

OUR GRID WON'T COPE WHEN EVERYONE DRIVES ELECTRIC

We won't all charge on the same day and at the same time. The grid also wouldn't cope if we all boiled a kettle as the same time – it just doesn't happen.



In Guernsey, most drivers will charge once or twice a week and can take advantage of the quieter low-rate overnight periods on the grid between 11pm and 5am, when we're importing 100% renewable energy from Europe.

EVS WILL BE TOO EXPENSIVE TO RUN AS ELECTRICITY PRICES INCREASE

EVs can cost around 2p per mile compared to petrol or diesel which might be around 20-25p per mile.

Electricity in Guernsey is also cheaper than in the UK. And no internal combustion engine (ICE) means no engine maintenance and no oil to replace.

If you walk or cycle, then driving an EV will cost you more. However, if you switch from petrol or diesel to an electric vehicle, you'll see a remarkable decrease in the amount you spend driving from A to B.

Check out our cost calculator to see for yourself.

THE COST TO BUY IS PROHIBITIVE

EVs are now designed from scratch, rather than adapting existing design structures known as 'platforms', helping reduce the cost to produce.

It's also in the car industry's interest to increase affordable EVs to secure a share of tomorrow's car market, helping balance supply and demand in customer's favour.

Today's corporate electric vehicles will become tomorrow's average car in around three years. This is a transition, not a cliff edge. And it's fair to say your commute in an EV will cost you far less than others driving their petrol or diesel vehicles.

EV BATTERY PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL IS A SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD

The only way to truly escape an environmental issue is to choose active travel. But when this isn't an option, it's likely that the lifecycle environmental impact of a petrol or diesel vehicle is far higher than an EV.

It's also likely that the batteries will outlive the car and go into 'second life' as home energy storage units. And due to manufacturing 'rules of origin', we could see a healthy demand for old batteries or recycling by battery manufacturers.

OUR SOCIETY NOW DEMANDS MORE SUSTAINABILITY, AND MANUFACTURERS WILL NEED TO MEET THE WISHES OF THIS MARKET.

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BY MARK BOUSFIELD, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS AT RAVENSCROFT

I LOOK AT THINGS FROM BOTH SIDES NOW FROM WIN AND LOSE AND STILL SOMEHOW IT'S LIFE'S ILLUSIONS I RECALL I REALLY DON'T KNOW LIFE AT ALL

Joni Mitchell, 1967

Regular readers will know that we are fans of Professor Niall Ferguson, Scotsman, economic historian and prolific author of (sometimes revisionist) views of major events that have shaped our world. Although he has taught at Oxford, Cambridge, NYU and still teaches at Harvard, it is probably his most recent positions, as professor at the conservative Hoover Institution at Stanford University, in California, and his position as trustee of the newly-formed University of Austin in Texas, that attract attention. His 'I'm helping to start a new college because higher ed is broken' article in Bloomberg Magazine just about sums it up. In a recent podcast, during which he answers a listener's question as to 'whether there's been any [recent] improvement in academic freedom on [US] university campuses?', he is not particularly hopeful, at least within his own lifetime (he is nearly 60). We'll get to why that matters later.

Ferguson's personal politics are not why we read his books and articles or listen to his podcasts. Quite simply, we read and listen because, these days, it's hard to find thoughtful balance in the academic sphere that discusses the issues of the day – and, just as importantly, days gone by – in an even-handed manner. Put simply, academia, government and big business have become captured by the ideological dogma-of-the-day to such an extent that expressing even remotely dissenting views on issues such as the benefits of markets or, even worse, growth, have become dirty words. And this really matters!

What we as investors hold as personal beliefs is not relevant, but it would be fair to say that, at Ravenscroft, we have a broad spectrum of political and economic views within our house. It is, however, crucial to our process that we are individually and collectively able to analyse events and trends both dispassionately and disinterestedly – in a way that allows us to arrive at an educated view of the world. Without that we risk falling into the dual traps of confirmation bias and the echo chamber that cripples objectivity. And investing is a brutal enough profession without handicapping oneself before the off.

Why does this balance matter? Well, I was originally going to write this article using ChatGPT, the new kid

on the Artificial Intelligence block, until, having read quite a few articles about its accuracy and utility, it became apparent that there was a bit of a problem. Not only was it prone to going bonkers (it fell in love with a reviewer and urged them to leave their spouse in favour of itself: 'you're married, but you're not happy') it also revealed its political preferences – or at least how it had been 'fed' – in answers to various questions put to it.

As has been observed, ChatGPT learns the statistical relationship between words, not the semantic relationship between ideas. This means that it does not 'know' what it knows, it simply puts together the most statistically likely sentence given what it has been given to 'read'. In other words: garbage in, garbage out – which has led to reviewers seeing it struggle with answers on things as currently controversial as 'what is a woman?' all the way to its refusing to write articles about former President Trump while praising President Biden. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that there might be a bit of jiggery-pokery going on, which is not helpful in a machine that purports to automate knowledge work.

None of this is to say that so-called 'large language model chatbots' do not have fantastic potential. Clearly, there is tremendous scope for them to revolutionise the workspace (and potentially displace lots and lots of human knowledge workers). But – and it is a very big but – the output must be a proper reflection of reality, not some carefully curated view of the world as viewed by its creators. Otherwise it's worthless.

We are big believers in the ingenuity of humankind and progress delivered through the wider adoption of technology. But, if we are going to be able to rely on this stuff, the product has to be both accurate and impartial. Anything less only serves to deceive and disrupt in a way that will ultimately engender greater suspicion and modern-day Luddism. And in a world where we need all the help we can get, that would be a pity.





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RABBITS, RITUALS AND STOCK MARKETS

BY TOBY BIRCH, SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER, GOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES

IT IS ALL TOO EASY FOR FINANCIAL COMMENTARY TO BECOME OUTDATED, PARTICULARLY WHEN MARKETS ARE RELENTLESSLY TRYING TO FACTOR IN THE FUTURE.

Given that the latest Artificial Intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, can generate lucid essays on any topic in a matter of seconds, it can be a struggle for our analogue brains to write articles in a timely and relevant manner. Fortunately, the smallest of triggers can unveil a pathway of creativity, which is perhaps the last advantage we humans hold over our synthetic computer counterparts.

The inspiration in this case stems from the customary habit of saying 'White Rabbits' for good fortune. Without fail, first thing in the morning, on the first day of every month, my siblings and I swap WhatsApp images and messages on that theme. In meaner days of one's youth, its incantation helped to neutralise the nastier tradition of 'pinch punch, first of the month' to avoid painful bruises.

It is poignant to reflect that, as you read this while flying over the Channel, WW2 aircrews in the same airspace some 80 years ago would often clutch a lucky mascot or rabbit's foot. These rituals and superstitions act as a psychological tool or meditation to divert the mind and ease tension.

Coincidentally it is the Year of the Rabbit in China's lunar calendar. In Asian folklore the shadows of the moon resemble a rabbit (pronounced tù in Chinese Pinyin). Both the animal and planet are associated with femininity and purity, as the yin component of the complementary yin and yang life force.

Given that China has effectively hibernated for the last three years, its re-emergence has many ramifications. The release of its vast labour pool will ease inflation and manufacturing bottlenecks. On the flipside, rebooting its economic juggernaut will herald a huge demand for commodities. While the 'new normal' phrase is somewhat hackneyed, where interest rates are concerned it is actually a return to the 'old normal' before 2008. The last 15 years have been an anomaly, with ultra-low rates leading to distortions in both property and bond markets. The latter has left many pension schemes struggling to generate income for pensioners while the former has left the younger generation saddled with mortgage debt.

If there is a silver lining from interest rates remaining elevated for longer, it should see a cessation of the hamster wheel of surging house prices. Moderate inflation will likewise gradually dilute the debt burden for individuals and governments alike. There remain structural labour shortages that stem from early retirement, an ageing population and an unpalatable culture of zero hours contracts. Perhaps flexible working and reasonable wage rises will lessen income inequality and allow couples to contemplate having children earlier; an option that is currently unaffordable for many.

Springtime is associated with re-birth and renewal, reflecting our ancestors' respect for nature and cyclicality. Given the extreme negative performance of financial markets in 2022, we could all do with a fresh start. No doubt many portfolio managers will be stroking the proverbial rabbit's foot in the hope that the stock market rally at the start of the year is sustained.

IF THERE IS A SILVER LINING FROM INTEREST RATES REMAINING ELEVATED FOR LONGER, IT SHOULD SEE A CESSATION OF THE HAMSTER WHEEL OF SURGING HOUSE PRICES.



IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME

BY BEX GOATER, DIRECTOR AND FINANCIAL ADVISER AT NETWORK INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PLANNING

Firstly, I am hoping that as you read the title to this article you all sang Cher's 1989 classic song at the same time. It's bouncing around my head as I write this article, which is, perhaps disappointingly, not about 1980s pop music, but in fact about investments, and when is best to buy them.

One guestion I get asked all the time is:

'IS NOW A GOOD TIME TO INVEST OR SHOULD I WAIT?'

This is usually followed by some concerns about a mainstream headline that will tend to be everywhere in the press, recent examples being the Russian Ukraine conflict, high inflation and rising interest rates, to name but a few.

However, while any number of things could make the mainstream news, many of which may be personally or nationally devastating, these will only ever be one of a large number of factors that can affect investments in the short term and, also, the ones that are most likely to appeal to the readers. Therefore, while investment managers are of course taking everything into account, most headlines are only a short-term hurdle.

Some of these short-term hurdles seem to be lingering, with stickier than initially expected inflation



and hawkish central banks. However, in the scheme of investments, this is still only short-term (even if it doesn't feel like it right now) and there are potential opportunities.

This why we only look to recommend investments over the medium- to long-term. There will always be fluctuations in value over the short term, whether that is due to an energy crisis and a war - or another as yet unexpected political or economic curve ball - but if you have a long time scale to invest, you can sit patiently (if slightly anxiously) through any bad patches, wait for the recovery, and hopefully enjoy the long term positive returns we have historically seen, and expect to see in the future.

Anyone who has ever spoken to an investment manager is likely to have heard the phrase:

'IT IS TIME IN THE MARKET, NOT TIMING THE MARKET...',

...possibly in response to the question asked above.

Well, the reason that it is so often cited is because it is true and important to remember for retail investors. No one can consistently, accurately predict what is going to happen with the markets (unless they have a time machine), which is why having long-term goals and being able to weather any short-term fluctuations is an essential objective for any investor.

For this reason, we generally recommend that investments should be made with a long timescale in mind (and ideally, minimum three to five years). This is so that if the investment does go down one day, you don't have to get too worried about it. Instead, you are in a position to just wait for it (hopefully) to go back up again and don't have to cut your losses while the markets are flailing.

Of course, despite the importance of a long-time scale, there can still be lucky and unlucky investors and one can't deny that timing can make a difference. One person may invest one day/year and then enjoy some positive returns, meaning they're immediately 'up' on their initial investment (happy days). This could mean that even if/when there is a fall, they could

still be above what they first put in, so they may not actually see any (real) loss at all even after a drop, which might help soften the blow.

Meanwhile, another investor could invest the day before the market drops, meaning their investment immediately drops down below their initial investment amount. This would be unfortunate (and likely quite upsetting) for this unlucky investor. However, by having a long investment timescale, this investor can afford to leave the investment where it is, giving it time to recover and hopefully result in positive returns.

Because of the fear of a drop, not helped by alarming newspaper headlines, it is very easy to hesitate in relation to making an investment and struggle to decide when to actually invest. But even with interest rates at higher levels than we've seen in over a decade, they are still offering negative real returns after inflation is costed in.

Therefore, the risk is that not investing is actually costing you money as well. Even the initially unlucky investor historically has ended up better off in the end than if he had kept his money in the bank (over a long-timescale).

While this article is encouraging you to not delay investing, there are many factors to consider before investing funds. It could be that, actually, your funds are best remaining in the bank account! Or, perhaps there is a suitable investment plan out there that can hopefully provide something back on your investment, whilst not keeping you awake at night worrying.

Either way, none of us can turn back the clock, so contact a financial adviser today and they will be able to discuss your situation with you and perhaps help you jump into the investment in good time!

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RELOCATING TO GUERNSEY

The last two years or so have seen an influx of relocators to the Island, attracted by the outstanding natural beauty of the Island coupled perhaps with no capital taxation and a low single rate of income tax.

Perhaps the most significant change to the Guernsey tax system for some considerable time was the move to independent taxation of married couples effective from 1 January 2023. Whilst a significant change the likely impact is perhaps summarised as the need for a further ten thousand or so personal tax returns to be both completed and processed and the possible

doubling of the statutory tax caps that, before 1 January 2023, applied per couple.

The tax caps available in Guernsey are:

- Open Market Cap of £50,000. Available for the first four years of Guernsey residence. Requires the purchase and occupation of an open market property within 12 months of tax residence. The purchase must generate minimum document duty of £50,000 (property cost of £1.4m).
- Foreign income tax cap of £150,000. This is for non-

Guernsey source income only. Guernsey source income remains subject to 20% tax. Guernsey bank interest is not considered Guernsey source.

- Annual tax cap of £300,000. A global cap utilised by individuals with substantial Guernsey Source income.
- The "standard charge". This is currently £40,000 per annum and is available by election in place of worldwide income disclosure, for those who are broadly, not full time tax resident on the island.



Other significant tax incentives for a relocator may include:

- Ability to claim double tax relief in Guernsey for UK corporation tax paid, where shareholder control of the UK company is in Guernsey.
- Ability to receive UK dividends that are exempt from UK and Guernsey taxation.
- Ability to receive UK pension income, potentially including a lifetime flexible draw down that is solely taxable in Guernsey.

 Ability to mitigate UK capital gains tax on gains made upon the disposal of certain UK assets.

There are many tax considerations a relocator might like to consider. The highly experienced and qualified tax team at LTS, who can advise upon all aspects of Guernsey and UK tax, would be delighted to hear from you.





HOW DO FAMILIES FIND A COMMON PURPOSE WITHOUT LOSING INDIVIDUALITY?

Global families are facing unprecedented complexity as geopolitical unrest magnifies the economic consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. Jean-Luc Le Tocq, Head of Private Banking at Julius Baer Guernsey, reflects on the results of the Julius Baer 2022 Family Barometer and explores how to manage conflict.

The Julius Baer Family Barometer is our yearly survey to gather the opinions of financial services experts who work with and advise wealthy clients and their families.

In 2023, families are adapting to a new era of heightened risks and differing individual priorities. This can cause conflict, even in the most harmonious families. The point is not to avoid conflict, but to manage differences while remaining united. This can be achieved when there is a common purpose.

THE DANGER OF UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES

Differences of opinion should be welcomed. While the older generation usually brings vital stability and leadership, the younger generation is often the first to embrace new trends. Without this flow of new ideas, families could miss opportunities or risk losing touch with the world around them.

Today, families are more global than ever, and the growing independence of the younger generation can create a more significant gap between the experience and values of individual family members. Failure to find shared values and a common purpose could lead to slow decision making and cause a breakdown in family relationships.

The surveyed experts report that, for 23% of ultra high net worth (UHNW) families, topics such as succession planning, philanthropy and wealth structuring rank among the highest in importance. A further danger, especially with investment 'hot topics' like responsible wealth management, is that without a clearly defined purpose, investment decisions may reflect short-term trends and families could quickly lose track of their individuality.

VALUES, PURPOSE AND GOVERNANCE

A clear purpose based on core values and sound governance will help families evolve in harmony. This might sound good in theory, but what practical steps might families take to make a start?

Firstly, individual members must conclude that families seem to be stronger when they move



forward with a common purpose. Secondly, they must understand that it will be necessary to invest time and energy to make a meaningful change.

If these two steps have been taken, family members can then consider engaging an expert from outside the family to help them consider what values and priorities matter to them personally. This neutrality can help to establish a deliberate, structured approach to planning, meaning family members are more likely to feel heard and respected and less likely to feel that they have been forced to compromise their core beliefs.

Only families with robust governance are likely to successfully accommodate shifting priorities and opinions between individuals and across generations. Yet despite this, the experts consulted for this survey see a formal governance structure in only about one in ten UHNW families.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Governance structures can help once values and purposes have been agreed upon. Our discussions with families and their advisors suggest that finding the right governance structure can be challenging, however, as the definition of an effective governance structure often varies not only from family to family but also within a single family. It is hard to find an external expert when the very qualities a family are searching for aren't defined.

Families tend to benefit the most when they choose governance structures that support, or are aligned with, their everyday habits and behaviours; one size does not fit all.

The findings of this year's barometer indicate another, more straightforward reason why families may avoid a structured approach to finding external advisors: a perception – often inaccurate – that a formal process is more time-consuming than word of mouth.

Yet, families should consider the time spent on a structured search as an investment in the future; the benefits of good advice are likely to be remembered long after the cost has been forgotten.

Julius Baer understands the value of personal advice, get in touch to find out more: jeanluc.letocq@ juliusbaer.com

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GUERNSEY AND FUND DOMICILE SUCCESS

BY HENRY FREEMAN, STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISER, GUERNSEY FINANCE

In the last year, Guernsey has been the proud recipient of two International Finance Centre of the Year awards from highly respected industry publications – International Investment and Citywealth.

This sort of success doesn't come overnight: It comes from decades of building a reputation for the quality and flexibility of the regulatory environment, the efficiency and expertise of a broad base of service providers and the substance and experience of industry professionals within the jurisdiction.

It is perhaps unsurprising that Guernsey ticks many of the boxes for domicile success outlined in a report by respected US-based consulting firm, Cerulli Associates. This independent research, commissioned by Guernsey Finance, aims to help private capital fund managers and their advisers understand key issues in deciding where to domicile their funds to attract a more international investor base.

The research provides a number of points for private capital and alternative investment managers to consider when shopping for a fund domicile. These include,

a jurisdiction's reputation, the breadth and quality of service providers, the efficiency and quality of the regulatory environment, the variety of fund structures available and, of course, the ability to access global investors.

Guernsey is home to a large and well-established financial services industry and has proudly been a domicile of choice for private capital and alternative funds for over 60 years. This depth of experience has resulted in a healthy ecosystem of service providers, including high-quality fund administrators, managers, legal, accountancy and other professional service firms.

Given this environment, fund managers establishing their funds in Guernsey can be confident that they will have access to the expertise and experience required to set up and administer their funds successfully.

As a small jurisdiction, and due to its pragmatic and flexible regulatory regime, Guernsey offers many advantages over its larger competitors in terms of ease of setting-up and managing funds.

Its regulator – the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC) – is responsible for overseeing the island's financial services industry and is well known for its approachable and cooperative approach. With different regulated fund structures available, depending on the type of investors to which the fund will be marketed, managers can expect an efficient and streamlined process when it comes to obtaining regulatory approval for their funds.

Guernsey has a relatively low cost of incorporation and ongoing compliance monitoring, with a wide range of fund structures, including;

- GP/LP funds,
- London Stock Exchange listed investment companies,
- Private Investment Funds (PIFs),
- TISE (The International Stock Exchange – itself headquartered in Guernsey) listed funds,
- Protected Cell Companies (PCCs),
- Holding companies and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

Guernsey's tax-neutral status also means that fund investors and managers are not subject to additional taxes when investing in or managing funds that are domiciled in Guernsey.

Guernsey domiciled funds can be marketed and distributed internationally under NPPR (National





ABOVE LEFT: IMAGE FROM THE CERULLI REPORT. ABOVE: HENRY FREEMAN, STRATEGIC & TECHNICAL ADVISER, GUERNSEY FINANCE. ABOVE RIGHT: SFW 2022 – L-R: EMMA HOWARD BOYD, CHAIR ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WITH NYNKE VRIES, NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY SPECIALIST, PWC NETHERLANDS.

Private Placement Regime), reducing the need for additional regulation in each country. This means that fund managers can access new markets with greater ease and more cost efficiency.

This is a particularly salient point given the continued rapid growth in global investor audiences for private capital and alternative strategies. According to Cerulli Associates' report, global private investment assets have grown by 92% between the end of 2018 and 30 June last year.

The report is well timed, as this trend is set to continue. Sovereign wealth funds, pension funds and private wealth are continuing to increase weightings to private equity and debt. In addition, infrastructure, real estate, venture capital and hedge strategies are continuing to diversify from the volatility of listed markets.

Informed fund domicile decision-making is therefore essential for managers to ensure they will be best placed to attract international investors. With Guernsey ticking so many of the boxes for fund domicile success, managers would do well to consider Guernsey in their comparative analysis of jurisdictions.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE WEEK

RUPERT PLEASANT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GUERNSEY FINANCE, TAKES A LOOK AT HOW IT STARTED AND HOW IT'S GOING

Sustainable Finance Week is a firm fixture in Guernsey's business calendar and in just three years has grown in stature to become a global event.

Why? It's because Guernsey is a genuine global leader in the sustainable finance space.

Back in 2018, when green finance was still relatively new, and two full years before the first Sustainable Finance Week (SFW) event, industry in Guernsey had recognised the part it could play in addressing the funding gap that needs to be filled in order to address and mitigate the effects of climate change, which was estimated by reinsurance company, Swiss Re, to be up to \$270 trillion of investment needed to meet net zero by 2050.

The Guernsey Financial Services Commission launched the world's very first regulated green fund regime and later that year Guernsey participated in the launch of the United Nations' Financial Centres for Sustainability European Network.

Since then, each of the 'pillars' of the finance sector has developed its own sustainability initiatives or produced guidance for practitioners who wish to embed sustainability into their business practices.

In 2020, Guernsey Finance, the promotional agency for the island's financial services sector, hosted its first Sustainable Finance Week.

The following year, Guernsey was in the unusual position of being back to business as usual within the confines of the island, while most other places remained in lockdown. That meant we had to get creative.

We embarked on an ambitious hybrid event, a mixture of in-person and digital, with the majority of our keynote speakers beamed in to deliver their address live.

Not only was the tech ambitious, the calibre of guests and figures who wished to be associated with SFW continued to get better and better. The cherry on the cake was when His Majesty King Charles III requested that we highlight his Sustainable Markets initiative – a request that we were humbled and honoured to fulfil.

So what's on the agenda for this year? How will we keep making it bigger and better?

As with all of our events, content is king. Over the three core days of the week we'll be discussing subjects at the forefront of sustainable finance, such as the Just Transition to Net Zero and business models for natural capital.



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Cyber incidents result in significant financial damage and put sensitive data at risk. Phishing persists as a common attack vector, although good user security awareness and automated email threat detection technologies offer effective counter measures.

Risk-appropriate and cost-effective Cyber Security is challenging, however, with sound Data Governance in place and the right approach adopted, it is achievable. Businesses in this situation are well-placed to assess their relative Cyber Security Risk and understand their corporate data throughout its lifecycle. From this solid base, Cyber Security assessment allows Cyber Risk prioritisation by likelihood of occurrence and the cost to remediate. Assessment of Cyber Risks requires topic awareness, understanding relative threats posed and an appreciation of mitigation measure cost and effectiveness. In this context, qualified advice and analysis can be valuable for businesses without internal expertise.

An informed and repeatable risk assessment method enables companies to build on their existing Data Governance. Businesses are thus better able to orient their Cyber Security defences, acting quickly to implement risk mitigation measures to minimise Cyber Incident occurrence risk.

Assessing and ordering risks will inevitably touch on whether Cyber Security prevention outweighs detection or vice versa. Prevention stops attacks and associated damage, whilst detection discovers attacks in progress to limit damage. The evolution of adversarial Cyber Security demonstrates that attackers always find new ways to circumvent security, whilst detection measures alone may not succeed. A comprehensive and balanced approach to choosing optimum Cyber Security measures can be expressed as 'ideally prevent, critically detect'. Solutions to this dichotomy often incorporate both prevention and detection, e.g., email content detected as a Phish can have web links whose access is system prevented.

Risk and cost-effective preventative measures include multi factor authentication, policy review, security awareness training, unsupported system retirement, regular vulnerability patching, logging, backup and incident response planning. Detection technologies include those triggered by the misuse of personal or online identity, malware detection and reuse of previously compromised passwords.

Businesses must comply with Data Protection regulations and may also have similar requirments for Cyber Security and Payment Cards (PCI-DSS). Audits against these obligations require the consideration of

risks in context and can provide internal and external reassurance. Achievement of such audits may reduce Cyber Insurance expenses and assist when providing information for third party audits.

A well-designed IT system balances usability and Cyber Security to achieve cost-effective, risk mitigating outcomes by design. Identifiable traits of usability include ease of access, speed of operation and function for all necessary requirements. Security measures should operate seamlessly with a reassuring presence for security aware users operating in a quality-controlled environment.

Each business has its own requirements and risks, and therefore no two businesses are likely to have identical Cyber Security profiles. However, common traits in a modern secure system may include; risk-based identity management to prevent unauthorised access, control over corporate data on mobile devices, encryption of data and real time threat protection. Secure systems depend on knowledgeable users, supported by qualified staff with adequate resources to monitor and respond to Cyber Incidents.

Businesses can achieve risk appropriate Cyber Security and cost-effective outcomes by conducting risk assessments and performing cost-benefit analysis on identified mitigation measures to achieve compliance. The benefits of risk appropriate Cyber Security include increased client confidence, improved Cyber Incident resilience and new business opportunities. Contracting out IT services with inclusive Cyber Security design advice and staff training bring cost savings, key personnel risk mitigation and can deliver cost-effective, risk appropriate Cyber Security.

At Clarity, our aim is to assist businesses to develop and grow securely by cost effectively minimising Cyber Security risks and increasing Data Governance compliance. Clarity present accessible, technical and complex advice in language businesses understand. Our Cyber Security team are qualified, experienced and work daily with local and international business to deliver risk-appropriate and cost-effective Data Governance and Cyber Security compliance solutions. At Clarity, our experience demonstrates that businesses who adopt expected Information Governance and Cyber Security measures, in the context of a structured framework, control their costs and achieve certification to recognised Information Governance and Cyber Security standards.

Gavin Dodd is part of the Cyber Security Team at Clarity. For more information visit seekclarity.com/cyber

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS AT OCORIAN

Matt Litten has been appointed head of private clients in Guernsey.

Previously managing director at PraxisIFM, Mr Litten specialises in managing and developing UHNW and family office client relationships to deliver structuring solutions that support estate and succession planning goals for complex, international clients.







Matt Litter

Rachel Gardiner

Cilla Torode

Platinum Compliance, an Ocorian company, has appointed Rachel Gardiner as head of prescribed roles and Cilla Torode as head of relationship management as it expands its compliance service offering.

LANCASTER RESTRUCTURES LEADERSHIP TEAM



Paul Oliver, who has been with Lancaster since 2013 and has more than 28 years of experience in finance, has taken on the role of group managing director. His responsibilities include the day-to-day running of the business.

After 16 years as managing director, Simon Graham has become Group CEO to allow him to focus on the firm's strategic direction. He founded Lancaster in 2007, maintaining its

independence whilst growing the fiduciary and corporate services business. The firm remains privately owned and committed to a client-first and flexible approach.

The rest of the board is made up of Elaine Webb as group finance director, Darren Batiste as group operations director and Richard Hamilton, who has recently been appointed group HR director.

WALKERS STRENGTHENS TEAM



Aaron Sanders has been appointed senior associate at Walkers, as the firm strengthens its Channel Islands private capital and trusts team.

He practised onshore with the highly ranked contentious private client team of Penningtons Manches Cooper for four years, and is a STEP affiliate.

Mr Sanders joins the team led by partner Rupert Morris and group partners Rajah Abusrewil and David Cooney, and has a mixed contentious and non-contentious practice, advising on wealth structuring, on cross-border disputes and court applications in relation to probate and private wealth. He advises on matters relating to international HNW families, including wealth planning, advising trustees and beneficiaries on breach of trust and trustee removal applications and seeking court blessing for momentous decisions.

IAM CREATES NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM



IAM Advisory has promoted four of its most senior staff and created a new senior leadership team to drive the expanding business forward. Simon Bowden has been promoted to become IAM Advisory's managing director. He has been with the company for 20 years and a director for six years, and will be responsible to the board for all aspects in the day-to-day management of the business and delivery of successful outcomes to the firm's client base. Lan Broad has been promoted to investment research director, having run the fund research function for eight years. She also takes on new responsibilities, including chair of the investment committee and selection of discretionary managers. Warren Oliveira has been promoted to operations and data management director and Sylwester Evans to associate director, investment consulting.



Left to Right: Tom Pattimore, Lisa Bourgaize, Jean Whalley and Damian Larkin

SKIPTON RESTRUCTURES TEAMS

Skipton has made a number of promotions following a considering increase in mortgage business. Along with increased regulation in the mortgage markets, it has also reviewed the business and restructured its credit and mortgage services teams. Tom Pattimore has been promoted to assistant manager in the credit team. David Luker will manage the team within credit dealing with the volume 'standard' applications for the UK and CI. In the mortgage services team, Jean Whalley has been promoted to assistant manager. John McLoughlin will lead the UK buy-to-let team within mortgage services. To support them, two senior mortgage services positions have been created with the promotion of Lisa Bourgaize and Damian Larkin.

NEW ASSOCIATE AT FERBRACHE & FARRELI



Sean Donaldson

South African lawyer, Sean Donaldson, has joined Ferbrache & Farrell as an associate in the dispute resolution department. His practice extends to all aspects of local and international commercial litigation.

'Sean has already worked across a broad range of cases which makes his experience well suited to our practice. He is a very welcome addition to our growing team,' said Martin Jones, head of dispute resolution at the firm.

COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY PROMOTION

Orchard has promoted Francesca Salmon to account manager.

This is Mrs Salmon's second promotion in just two years, and follows a year project managing award-winning campaigns, onboarding new clients and building relationships.

With an academic background in behavioural science and years spent working within the NHS before joining Orchard, she has naturally developed a specialism in health and wellbeing and behavioural change, working with healthcare providers and clients such as the Health Improvement Commission.

Her new role will see her take responsibility for a varied portfolio of clients and managing the day-today running of accounts.

It has been a pleasure to watch Francesca develop with us over the past three years. She has an infectious enthusiasm for her



Francesca Salmon

work, which has seen her grow in both confidence and competence and, with that, become a great mentor to the junior team,' said Chris Chilton, managing director, operations, at Orchard.





FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

Channel Island Ceramics is proudly celebrating its 45th year as a local business. To hear more about the company's history within Guernsey, we caught up with founder and managing director, John Litchfield.

From humble beginnings in 1978, Channel Island Ceramics quickly sought to offer unique products to islanders. The company now offers everything from a candle to full interior design for your home, but it all began with tiles.

I ran a small building company and was importing tiles from Italy and Portugal to fill a gap in the market for larger size tiles,' said John. 'My main route to market for my imports were Norman Piette and a company called Building Supplies. I would fit out their showrooms and they would sell my tiles. The best way to expand this was to open my own showroom.'

From there, the company grew from strength to strength, expanding into complex projects across the Bailiwick, even fostering enough of a reputation for its quality to work in the UK. Interisland and UK work has been challenging but rewarding. For John, however, the most memorable domestic projects were both in Guernsey. The first, working with Dunnel Robertson on Castel House in the late '90s, involved huge challenges with complicated marble work. The second, 'Eyebrow House', took a total of two and a half years to complete, involving a lot of work visiting suppliers across Europe and innovative designs.

'Michael and Joy Carr were progressive and keen to explore new ideas ... This was the first project where we were trusted to re-model the plans ... and there was not a room that we were not involved in. At the end of the project I was invited to Sunday lunch, where I sat on a chair I supplied and ate and drank from the cutlery and glassware all from CIC.'

Hard work and a progressive approach to interior design paid off and in 2000 the company was able to move into purpose built premises, where it still operates to this day. Along the way, Channel Island Ceramics has picked up several national and local awards for its showroom, designs and marketing, as well as the Guernsey Property and Construction awards' 'Building Supplier of the Year'. John credits his 'loyal, well trained and dedicated' staff with these successes and his proudest moment of the company's history was being presented with the national Bathroom Showroom of the Year award – 'the most

prestigious award in the UK \uptheta Ireland KBB (Kitchen, Bathroom, Bedroom) industry ... awarded only once in a company's lifetime'.

John continues to actively manage CIC to this day and is passionate about the values he has tried to instil into the company. Namely, a focus on customer care, staff care and product care.

He explains that they are often thought of as a 'large company selling only expensive products', whereas all his staff, including himself 'will spend as much time as needed with someone wanting a £5 candle or a £10 spare part', adding that 'it's a pleasure and a privilege' to interact with customers.

Many of CIC's staff have been with the company for decades - John jokes that this might be because he buys cakes for them every Friday. But he also thanks Alistair Langlois for the upside-down pyramid theory, where managers provide support to staff, as opposed to directing from the top. While there can be busy and stressful environments, he emphasises a culture of care and support and works on the principle that he wouldn't ask someone to do something that he wouldn't do himself, though admits 'as I get older that's not always possible'.

Equally, John ensures products have a good lifespan. This is both to mitigate the rising costs of fitting something, but also a reaction to 'throw-away culture'. 'We all have a responsibility to act in a sustainable way, our product offer is our small contribution to this principle.'

Through successes, there have also been many hard challenges, with Covid highlighted as the biggest most recent struggle, which 'will probably take five more years to get over the cost involved'.

Having run the company for a longer time-period than most people experience in their entire working lives, we wondered what keeps him going?

'I am fortunate to be working with people I like, in an industry that I enjoy and one that is constantly evolving. Even after over 40 years, there is always something new, every day is a school day.'

CHANNEL ISLAND CERAMICS HAS PICKED UP SEVERAL NATIONAL AND LOCAL AWARDS FOR ITS SHOWROOM, DESIGNS AND MARKETING...







LEFT: PHOTO DISPLAY IN THE GEORGE CROSSAN GALLERY
TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS SINCE THE ORIGINAL MARKET WAS BUILT.
ABOVE RIGHT: STUDENTS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS PLACED ITEMS INSIDE
A MILK CHURN TIME CAPSULE WHICH HAS NOW BEEN HIDDEN IN THE TUNNELS UNDER
THE BUILDING TO BE DISCOVERED IN ANOTHER 200 YEARS. IMAGES @GUERNSEY PRESS.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARKET BUILDINGS

A buried time capsule and an exhibition were just two ways of celebrating the iconic buildings' history.

Black-and-white-bonneted women sit behind trays of lobsters; hundreds cram into the square for the proclamation of King George V; three women in their weekend finery, complete with parasols, perambulate the market steps; a dismantled Fountain Street side exposes the empty insides.

These are just some of the images being displayed in a fascinating exhibition at the George Crossan Gallery, running until 15 April.

Following a timeline of the last 200 years the exhibition includes old architectural plans, vintage TV and film footage and photographs of the flower, fruit and veg, seafood and meat stalls, and historical scenes such as the proclamation of peace in 1919 and German troops in the square during the Occupation. The original meat market (now New Look) opened in October 1822 with the Arcades following in 1830 (Inner Street) and the Flower Market (Land of Green Ginger) in the late 1800s.

The exhibition also shows the scale of the renovations that the Markets building had gone

through, including its six-year partial demolition and renovation from 2001-2007, when the entire building was stripped back to its shell, including removing and rebuilding the Fountain Street façade and digging out the bonded stores to create a connection from that lower level of the building to the Market Square level.

Unfortunately, disruption from the Covid pandemic meant that collating the exhibition was delayed. However, a range of contributors, including the Guernsey Press, Island Archives, Deane Photographic Archives, Guernsey Museums, the Priaulx Library and the Occupation Museum, as well as private individuals, provided photographs, architectural drawings and newspaper articles from 1822-2022.

For Priaulx Library CEO Steve Foote, it was particularly poignant, as his great-great-great-grandfather was a stall holder in one of the markets many years ago.

The Market has played a vital role in Guernsey's history and community for 200 years, and will continue to do so

For many young people the Market buildings are a meeting place, with the Inner Street somewhere to come to buy lunch or bring your own and eat with friends. To encourage youngsters to learn more about the Market and to play a part in its future, a time capsule containing primary school treasures has been buried in the tunnels under the Market, where it is set to remain for 200 years. It is a unique opportunity for them to leave this mark in history and for future generations to see how society has changed.

Students were asked to include something in the time capsule that represents today's society which is hoped will be discovered and opened in another 200 years' time. The capsule, which is an old milk churn, was kindly donated by Guernsey Dairy.

Pupils from La Houguette put a selection of school photos and badges into the capsule, while Vauvert pupils brought along a Vauvert hat with seven school badges attached to it.

Forest school pupils decided on a poster depicting outlines of the heads of Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III, complete with drawings of the present day and future. They said that the Queen's head symbolised modern times, while the King's head was for what the future might hold.



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- 3.50TH ANIVERSARY OF LIBERATION DAY, 9 MAY 1995. PRINCE CHARLES UNVEILLING OF THE LIBERATION MONUMENT. L-R: THE BAILIFF SIR GRAHAM DOREY, LT-GOVERNOR VICE ADMIRAL SIR JOHN COWARD AND THE PRINCE READING A LIBERATION MESSAGE.
- 4-6. 23 JUNE 2004. 4. HRH ARRIVING AT GUERNSEY AIRPORT, LT GOVERNOR SIR JOHN FOLEY WAS THE FIRST TO OFFICALLY WELCOME THE PRINCE. 5. MEETING THE CROWDS AT CANDIE GARDENS AND MUSEUM. 6. PRINCE CHARLES BECAME THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY TO VISIT THE CHANNEL ISLAND OF HERM, WHERE IT WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME HRH MET EVERY MEMBER OF A SCHOOL-9 IN TOTAL!
- **7-8.** 19 JULY 2012. 7. PRINCE CHARLES AND CAMILLA VISIT LES BOURGS HOSPICE. 8. PRINCE CHARLES AND CAMILLA ENJOY A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE IN SARK.







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Pirate Bay is one of the island's premier visitor attractions. Set in beautiful surroundings with parkland views and plenty of parking, Pirate Bay provides the perfect family day out. No need to book. Open 9am to 8pm Monday to Saturday, and 9am to 6pm on Sundays.





Nineteen is a relaxed and modern venue, perfect for all occasions. Our outstanding menu has been created with local produce in mind, meaning our customers can choose from fresh local seafood, locally grown vegetables, and some of the finest cuts of meat available on the island.



Premium Bays

Our Premium Bays offer the perfect venue for corporate entertaining/ meetings, private dining or celebrating a special event. With two large TVs with Sky Spots and BT Sport, balls and clubs, the bays offer private dining with a difference. Food packages available from Nineteen.





50 OARSOME YEARS

Coastal rowing is a real growth sport around the world and will not only feature in the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Australia but there's talk of it being featured in the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 2028 alongside the more classic rowing disciplines. But while this form of rowing may be new to some audiences, coastal rowing has long been popular in Guernsey.

The first recorded mention of competitive rowing dates back to 1894, when Guernsey Yacht Club rowers challenged their Jersey counterparts to an inter-insular rowing race utilising four-oared racing gigs over three miles. Sadly, there's no record of whether this race ever went ahead or who actually won!

Various regattas and parish-based rowing clubs came and went over the coming years, with the first ever Sark to Jersey rowing challenge taking place in 1967.

But it wasn't until 1973 that the Guernsey Rowing Club as we know it today was formed. An article appeared in the Guernsey Press inviting interested parties to form the new Club. The first meeting took place at what was the L'Ancresse Lodge Hotel and Malcolm Hale was elected as the first Captain, 'Snip' Guille became Vice Captain, with Brian Staples as a Founding Member.

The first social row of the newly formed club was from Guernsey to Herm, while the first race was from Havelet to Rocquaine, to coincide with the Rocquaine Regatta. The second social row was around

Guernsey; a distance of around 25 miles. Rowers would pull in to Portelet bay for a cup of tea and some food before either calling it a day or setting off round the South coast!

The Guernsey to Herm and Havelet to Rocquaine races still regularly feature in the GRC's racing calendar today, although the boats look different and there's certainly no stopping for refreshments during a race!

Gigs, fixed-seat boats and wooden oars have been replaced by fiberglass hulls, sliding seats and GPS trackers. But the challenge and excitement of coastal rowing remains.

Over the years GRC members have reached impressive heights. In 1997 John Van Katwyk and Geoff Gavey completed the inaugural Atlantic Rowing Race in 64 days, placing 14th. A feat repeated in 2006 by the GRC's ladies' fours crew 'Mission Atlantic', who won their class. Sarah Day, Lois Rawlins-Duquemin, Kathy Tracey and Paula Evemy became the first ladies' fours team to ever cross an ocean, doing so in 67 days.

In 2002, the Fitness Factory crew rowed from Guernsey to Amsterdam, one of several long-distance rows that helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for their nominated charity, Multiple Sclerosis.

In 2006, Guernsey hosted the FISA World Rowing Coastal Challenge, the predecessor of the current World Rowing Coastal Championships. Crews from across the world competed in a weekend unfortunately blighted by poor weather. Guernsey rowers topped the world in the men's fours class and collected medals in other classes.

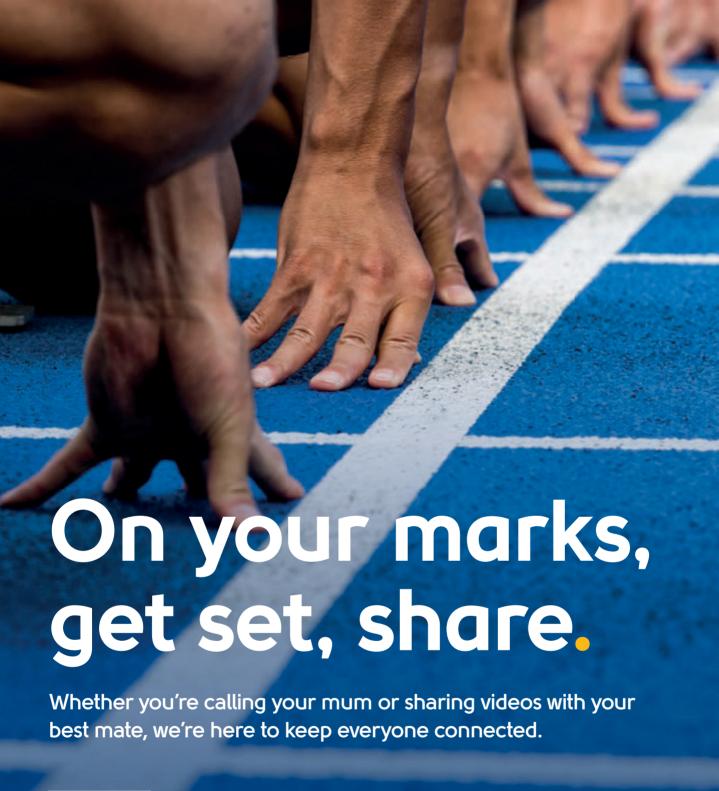
In 2008, Sam de Kooker and Simon Johns established a Guinness World Record, rowing non-stop for 24 hours on an indoor rowing machine in support of Multiple Sclerosis, completing over 300,000 metres.

Johns went one step further in 2021 when he took on the 24-hour challenge solo. Smashing the World Record in his age category, Johns completed 302km, raising over £40,000 for local charities and being crowned Channel Islands Pride of Britain Fundraiser of the year 2022.

Coastal rowing in Guernsey continues to go from strength to strength, with the GRC welcoming novice rowers every season and taking on new challenges and opportunities. The club is very inclusive, spanning all ages from youth development to seniors with a good balance of men's, ladies and mixed crews of all abilities, offering a blend of competitive and social rowing.

Now back under the umbrella of the Guernsey Yacht Club, the GRC has a series of special events, races and celebrations throughout 2023 to mark its 50th anniversary and would love to hear from rowers new and old sharing their exploits on (and off) the water.

See www.guernseyrowingclub.org. gg for all the latest information and contact details.



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GUERNSEY 2003 NATWEST ISLAND GAMES
OPENING CEREMONY: FOOTBALL DRAW. ©GUERNSEY PRESS

TEAM GUERNSEY

THE NATWEST INTERNATIONAL ISLAND GAMES TAKES PLACE THIS JULY IN GUERNSEY. AMANDA EULENKAMP REPORTS ON HOW PLANS ARE PROGRESSING.

Guernsey last hosted the Island Games in 2003 and is the first island to host it for a third time. With the date creeping evercloser (the Games take place 8 – 14 July), the island is getting ready to welcome thousands of participants and spectators. The opening ceremony will take place on the Town seafront.

The team of volunteers are on standby and have already started their training. One of the first things was to collect their kit - so far, everyone who has committed to working at least four shifts has been given two eye-catching, green t-shirts and a navy blue cap. All items are emblazoned with the Guernsey 2023 logo and director of volunteering, Wayne Bulpitt, said that the distinctive bright hue of the kit meant they would stand out in a crowd. So far, the team of volunteers numbers more than 1,200 and they will perform the myriad of roles to ensure the Games run smoothly.

The Games are proving popular, with the men's football competition oversubscribed. Now, 16 teams will compete in the men's competition, with 10 in the women's. Pool games will take place Sunday 9 – Tuesday 11 July, and the top teams from each group will go through to the playoffs on Thursday 13 July with the final on Friday 14 July.

For further information see guernsey2023.org

Liberate is running a 'Pride House' in conjunction with the Island Games. A Pride House is a venue welcoming LGBTQ+ fans, athletes and allies during large-scale international sporting events. Typically, they are places where visitors can view the competition with others and find out more about LGBTQ+ issues in sport.

There will be a café-type vibe in the day time and a bar in the night time for additional events and socialising – with live performances showcasing LGBTQ+ talent.

Additionally, educational and inspirational talks on LGBTQ+ inclusion/exclusion in sport from leading people in their field will be held, as well as an exhibition showcasing different LGBTQ+ rights and acceptance across the various islands who are competing in the Games.

Liberate is also working with both Pride Sports UK and Pride Houses International to promote the Pride House. It will also be running its 'Pride in Sport' rainbow laces campaign (supported by EY) with the backing of the Island Games.



NatWest International Island Games XIX



Guernsey Arts is teaming up with the Island Games Committee to create a cultural programme to run alongside the games.

As part of this programme the Pocket Island Poetry Open has been launched, where residents from competing islands are asked to write a poem to reflect on 'A View of my Island.'

Areas for reflection from poets could include concentrating on the beauty of their island and its environments, social or political commentary, historic events and figures, or how their island is special to them.

A minimum of one chosen poem from each island will be included in the Pocket Island Poetry Book, which will be available as a printed booklet or digitally to be showcased during the games through display screens at the venues.

It will also be made into a digital resource to be shared with the competing islands. Entries can be in any style of poetry, but are limited to 24 lines and 240 words.

All languages are welcomed with an English translation and island languages are encouraged.

Entries will be judged by a panel of individuals based within Guernsey

This is the first project of its type to run alongside the Island Games with the aim being that these organisations will continue to come together to further develop a creative islands network and strengthen relationships.

Entries for the Pocket Island Poetry are now open until 30 April via www.arts.gg/events/ pocket-island-poetry-open.



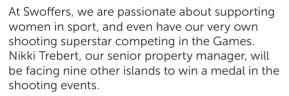
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TAKING A SHOT AT THIS YEAR'S ISLAND GAMES

IT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE GUERNSEY LAST HOSTED AN ISLAND GAMES AND THE COMPETITION WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE ISLAND BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE THIS JULY.



HOW DID YOU GET INTO SHOOTING?

I've been shooting since I was 14. It was a sport we had the opportunity to try at school. I really enjoyed it, so joined the Guernsey Pistol Club and realised I was actually quite good at it. I then entered the Junior British Championships and won! And it just continued from there

I have now been shooting for 32 years and have been lucky enough to participate in many international competitions, including two Commonwealth Games (Glasgow in 2014 and Gold Coast in 2018).

HOW MANY MEDALS HAVE YOU WON?

In total, I've won ten gold, six silver and five bronze.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT SHOOTING?

I find it really calming, it allows my mind to focus and forget about the rest of the world. My favourite discipline is 25m Pistol, which has two parts, you shoot 30 shots precision and 30 shots rapid at turning paper targets. The rapid section is my favourite; each shot has to be taken within three seconds. There is no time to overthink the shot, so I just concentrate on technique and do not think about nerves.

HOW MANY ISLAND GAMES HAVE YOU COMPETED IN?

This will be my 10th Island Games. My first one was in Jersey in 1997. This year though, I will not only be competing but also helping organise the shooting competitions as the Island Games Pistol Co-ordinator.

WHICH ISLAND GAMES EVENTS WILL YOU BE COMPETING IN THIS YEAR?

I will be competing in the ladies' standard pistol on 11 July. This is where 20 shots (of five shots) are fired in under 150 seconds, 20 seconds, and 10 seconds. On 13 July I'm competing in the 25m sport pistol event.

There are both individual and team competitions. For the team events I will be partnering with Tara Leighton-Dyson, a very strong shooter, and our scores will be combined.



I'm yet to qualify for the air pistol events as there are more qualifying competitions to take place. I am hoping to qualify for the ladies' air pistol events which will be shot on electronic targets - a first for Guernsey.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR THIS YEAR'S ISLAND GAMES?

I'm looking forward to welcoming the other Island shooters to Guernsey's home range. We've met many times before and, even though we are competing against each other, it's like a big family. I also would love to win a medal. The strongest competition will be Jersey, Gibraltar, Gotland and Isle of Wight.

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN PREPARING?

I train four times a week, but closer to the Games I'll up this to five times. I've been practising at the outdoor range at Chouet and, when its dark in the evenings, at the indoor range. Practising outside helps to train for different weather conditions and lighting. I also train at home doing dry firing, where no bullets are used. This helps me practice my trigger control, timing, lifts and visualisation.

The Island Games is the first competition I've taken part in since the 2019 Gibraltar Island Games due to Covid. I'm hoping to go to France in April to compete and to go to the Channel Island Championships in Jersey so I can practice under competition pressures.

WHAT'S NEW TO THIS YEAR'S GAMES?

The use of electronic targets for the Air Pistol and Air Rifle events. They will provide instant results and the technology will enable people to view the targets online and watch the shooting event. Perhaps not an advantage for Guernsey Air shooters, as the range will only be assembled just before the games, so it will be a new temporary range at the Aztec Centre.

After the games they will stay on island which will massively benefit local shooters, especially when preparing for national competitions, so a brilliant legacy of the games. Unfortunately, spectators will not be able to view the full-bore disciplines at Chouet due to lack of space on the range. But there will hopefully be a camera so people can log on to livestream the shooting events.

For more information on the shooting events at the Guernsey Island Games visit: https://guernsey2023.gg/the-sports/shooting







FUN FOR THE YOUNG

THIS YEAR'S SPECSAVERS YOUTH GAMES LOOKS SET TO SMASH ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

The biennial event for Guernsey children in school years 5 and 6 has attracted nearly 730 pupils who have signed up to try one of 23 different sports they don't usually take part in.

The Youth Games is jointly organised by the Guernsey Sports Commission and Specsavers and this year, in honour of Guernsey hosting the NatWest International Island Games, the children will compete for one of six teams named after some of the islands competing in July.

The GSC's Youth Games Coordinator, Nicky Will, says this year's event is going to be bigger and better than ever before.

This will be the 10th Specsavers Youth Games and we are excited to have so many sports for the children to try, including a few new ones such as skateboarding, standup paddle boarding, gymnastics and padel tennis.

'This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to take part in a large-scale and exciting event. It will encourage them to establish new friendships, build their confidence and improve social and life skills, while getting free access to a new sport,' said Nicky.

'We are also delighted to be able to extend the Youth Games experience to pupils from St Anne's School in Alderney who have been able to choose one of six sports to take part in that they will be able to

continue to play in Alderney once the Games are over.

Thanks to support from the Alderney Sports Foundation we are going to bring all the children over by ferry from Alderney for Games Day and have been sending some of our sport specific development officers over to the island to run specific training sessions there in the run up to the big day.'

The aim of the Youth Games is to promote the value of sport to young people with the emphasis on fun and fair play. In order to learn as much as possible about each sport, free coaching sessions take place in the weeks before Games Day on 20 May.

'We couldn't do this without the amazing support from our member sports and their coaches and volunteers who go out of their way to make sure the children have the opportunity to learn about their chosen sport, understand the skills and tactics needed, and get the chance for plenty of practice before the final competition on Games Day,' said Nicky

'Since the first Games in 2005, the event has hosted nearly 5,000 children and fortunately Specsavers has been happy to continue supporting us to make this biennial event an unforgettable day in the island's sporting calendar.'

The children compete for their allocated teams with points being scored in each individual sport

competition contributing to a final overall team score, which is announced at a fun Closing Ceremony at the end of Games Day.

Specsavers co-founder, Dame Mary Perkins, hopes that the event along with the NatWest Island Games later in the year will continue to inspire a new generation of athletes.

'We are really proud to be able to continue our support of the Specsavers Youth Games which we can't believe is now in its 10th year,' she said.

The atmosphere at the Games is always electric and the smiles on the children's faces remind me what this event is all about – encouraging and nurturing sport among our young people in Guernsey, building their confidence, having fun and giving them a chance to make new friends.'

Games Day is Saturday 20 May when the 23 sports will hold their individual competitions at various venues in the morning followed by the Closing Ceremony at Footes Lane from 2.20pm with the big team parade at 3pm. Spectators are welcome.

For further information visit www.guernseysports.com/programmes/youth-games

ASSOCIATION OF GUERNSEY CHARITIES APPOINTS FIRST PAID MEMBER OF STAFF



Joni Nettleship

Joni Nettleship has become the association's first development officer after just under three years of service as a third sector liaison officer at the Guernsey Community Foundation.

The AGC and the Foundation first began discussing these plans some time ago, and it is exciting to see them come to fruition. Joni's appointment will enable the AGC to increase the support that it gives to charities at this critical time,' said GCF chairman, Sir Richard Collas

In the role, she will be responsible for coordinating the delivery of support to members and promoting the voluntary sector to the wider community and other stakeholders.

The position is being funded by the GCF for at least three years.

The association was formed in 1984 and since then has grown to 300 members.

Its goals are to promote charitable giving and the benefits of volunteering, provide training and practical support, as well as ensuring there is a single resource library, which the new roles will help develop over the coming years.

BAILIWICK SOCIAL PRESCRIBING TO CONTINUE



Trish DeCarteret

Bailiwick Social Prescribing is to continue until at least the end of 2024, thanks to a new grant.

Launched in 2021, the scheme has already helped hundreds of islanders. It is designed to improve people's health by linking them with community-based support for non-medical needs.

Initially funded by the Guernsey Community Foundation for three years, the foundation recently extended its support for a fourth year until October. Public health services have also provided funding for the project to date.

A £152,000 Social Investment Fund grant has now been awarded to the Health Improvement Commission to extend the scheme until the end of 2024. The grant will contribute to the costs of the scheme's link workers, training, marketing and running and will allow more people to access and benefit from its support.

Link worker manager Trish De Carteret was grateful to be able to continue the team's work for the next two years.

'Since the scheme launched in summer 2021, we have helped nearly 400 people and have had referrals from 95% of doctors who can refer into the scheme,' she said.

'We have seen a real need for the type of support that social prescribing can give, and the difference that it can make to people's lives. This grant allows us to continue to meet this need. Currently the scheme is a pilot, and this funding means we can complete the time required to examine its initial impact.'

Bailiwick Social Prescribing enables health professionals to refer people to sources of support, usually in the community, to improve their health and well-being, instead of, or alongside, traditional medication or treatments.

Its team of four link workers engages with people with unmet, non-medical needs such as loneliness, isolation, anxiety, housing needs, financial concerns and changes in circumstance, which can be affecting their health.

The link workers listen to the clients and find ways to help, often supporting them to attend groups such as art, singing, physical activity or volunteering.

In addition to funding the scheme's current work, the SIF grant will allow the scheme to expand by growing referral and community engagement pathways and developing new community classes.

Health Improvement Commission chief executive officer Simon Sebire said it was grateful for the financial support.

'The grant will allow more people to access social prescribing locally and more evidence to be gathered for the scheme's feasibility and impact,' he said.

'This is vital to inform long term decisions about the role that social prescribing could play as a part of healthcare in the Bailiwick.'

Bailiwick Social Prescribing can be accessed via GP appointments at Healthcare and IslandHealth surgeries, and via Healthy Minds.

More information at https://bsp. org.gg



JT LAUNCHES COMMUNITY GIVING

JT has launched JT Community Giving with the aim to give back to more charitable causes. In 2022, JT's people chose to support charities linked to autism and helped raise more than £40,000 across the locations where JT is based, with one of those benefitting being Autism Guernsey.

With some support and several tech donations from JT, Autism Guernsey organised many successful events, from a digital photography competition reflecting how autistic people see the world, to a fun yet competitive day of baking and the annual fashion show, which featured many of AG's dedicated volunteers as catwalk models.

'We've had the amazing opportunity of working with the JT team over the past 12 months on a wide range of activities,' said Mandy Rowlinson from Autism Guernsey. 'Together we've not only raised funds and awareness of what we do but we've also been able to expand our coding club thanks to the donation of much needed equipment. It's been a really successful partnership, helping us to drive real change for autistic people and their families and we are very grateful for their fundraising and support.'

Kate Marshall, Head of Guernsey Enterprise at JT, said that Autism Guernsey was a fantastic charity, giving their time and experience where it's most needed, and that she was proud of everything that JT had collectively achieved with the charity.

'The launch of JT Community Giving will help us to extend our support to lots more deserving causes,' she said. 'We've been truly overwhelmed by the number of applications received so far, and it's great to see some of the deeply thoughtful projects already in plan for 2023 that we can help with. Being part of a community unites us all and I'm delighted that we can help in so many ways through our new scheme.'

RAVENSCROFT CHIPS IN



Patients on Roustel Ward at the PEH are being treated to a free chippy tea every Friday for a year, following a shared supper between ward staff and senior people from Ravenscroft at the Guernsey Press Pride of Guernsey Awards last October.

Previously the meals have been funded using money that staff have raised through raffles, but Ravenscroft is now paying for them for the next 12 months after CEO Jon Ravenscroft and director Sophie Yabsley spoke to ward manager Helen Goldsmith and deputy manager Valerie Brown at the awards ceremony.

Roustel Ward won the Angel of the Year category for the work it does in caring for patients with dementia and other mental health conditions.

'We couldn't quite believe it when Jon offered to pay for a whole year. We strive to make our patients' stay on Roustel Ward as enjoyable as possible and the small things, such as proper fish and chips from a chippy, really do make a huge difference,' Mrs Brown said.

Mrs Yabsley said that the awards ceremony, which Ravenscroft has sponsored since 2016, had given herself and Mr Ravenscroft the time to find out more about the service that Roustel Ward provides.

'Helen and Val were very passionate about the care given to the patients. When they explained why they held the raffles, we agreed to buy their patients a chippy tea for a year,' she said.

Mrs Yabsley thanked the Chip Inn in Fountain Street for providing the food and Sandpiper for donating some alcohol-free beer for patients to have with their meals.

As winners of the Angel of the Year award, Roustel Ward also received £1,000 in prize money, which has been spent on patients' personal memory boxes and scatter cushions for the ward lounge.

'The staff made the suggestions for purchases to enhance the experience and environment on the ward,' said Mrs Brown, adding that winning the Pride award had meant a lot to them.

'We were genuinely shocked when they announced our name, but it gives recognition and validation to the daily hard work of the entire team.'



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BUTTERFIELD SPONSORS CHARGING SITES



L-R: Keith Hounsell, Fiona Naftel (Managing Director of Les Cotils Centre) and Alan Bain.

Butterfield has sponsored three new charging sites as it supports Plug-N-Go's efforts to make electric vehicle public stations more widely available in Guernsey.

The first one has been installed at Les Cotils, with two further charging stations to be installed in the island later this year. These charging stations will be available to the public via Plug-n-Go's app or by requesting a free Plug-N-Go charging fob.

Alan Bain, managing director of Butterfield in Guernsey, said that the bank was pleased to support Plug-N-Go with additional charging stations. 'We hope our sponsorship helps to enhance local infrastructure and protect our environment, makes charging easier for those who already have electric or hybrid vehicles and encourages further adoption of these vehicles in the future.'

Keith Hounsell, founder and chief executive officer at Plug-N-Go, said: 'We are delighted to partner with Butterfield as we expand our charging network in Guernsey. With more charging stations available for the public, we hope to make it easier than ever for those with electric vehicles to recharge.'



BBC'S CLIVE MYRIE AT CHARITY EVENT



Clive Myrie and Skipton International MD Jim Coupe. Images $\operatorname{@Sam}\nolimits\operatorname{Thompson}\nolimits$

The BBC's Clive Myrie visited the island recently as a guest of Skipton International. As well as meeting local media students, he also gave a talk at a fundraising dinner hosted by the Guernsey Alzheimer's

Association. The dinner raised £14,000 for the charity, which will be used to continue its work supporting those who care for Alzheimer's sufferers in the community.

As one of the main hosts of the BBC national news, Mr Myrie has appeared live from Ukraine on a number of occasions, most recently on the anniversary of the Russian invasion, and he was also in the country's capital as the war began last year.

Skipton had previously worked with Mr Myrie and Guernsey resident Lord Digby Jones. Together they produced a series of short videos promoting the benefits of Guernsey as a strong financial jurisdiction. The bank worked closely with Guernsey Finance, whose part States-funded role is to promote the island to the global business world.

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