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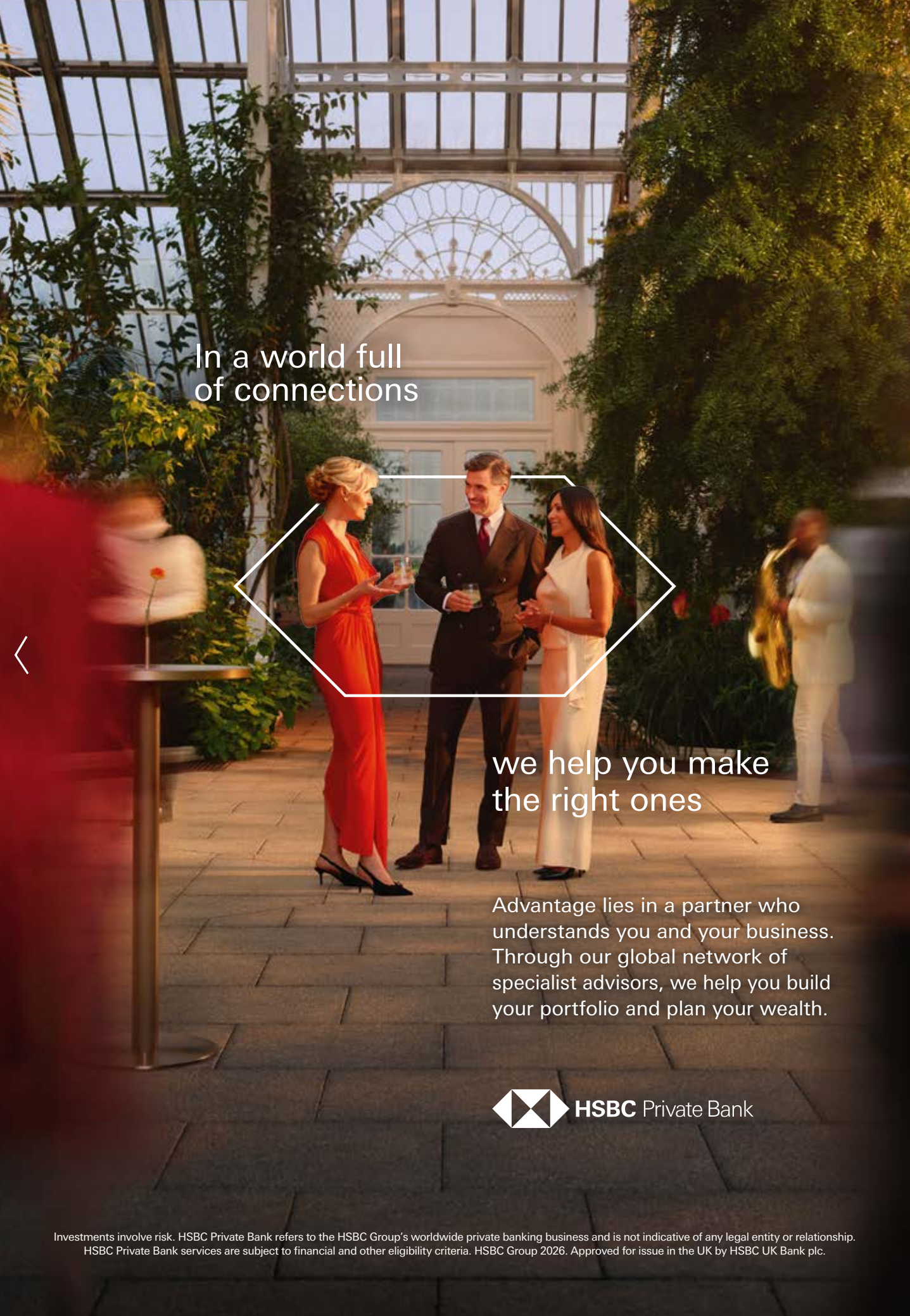
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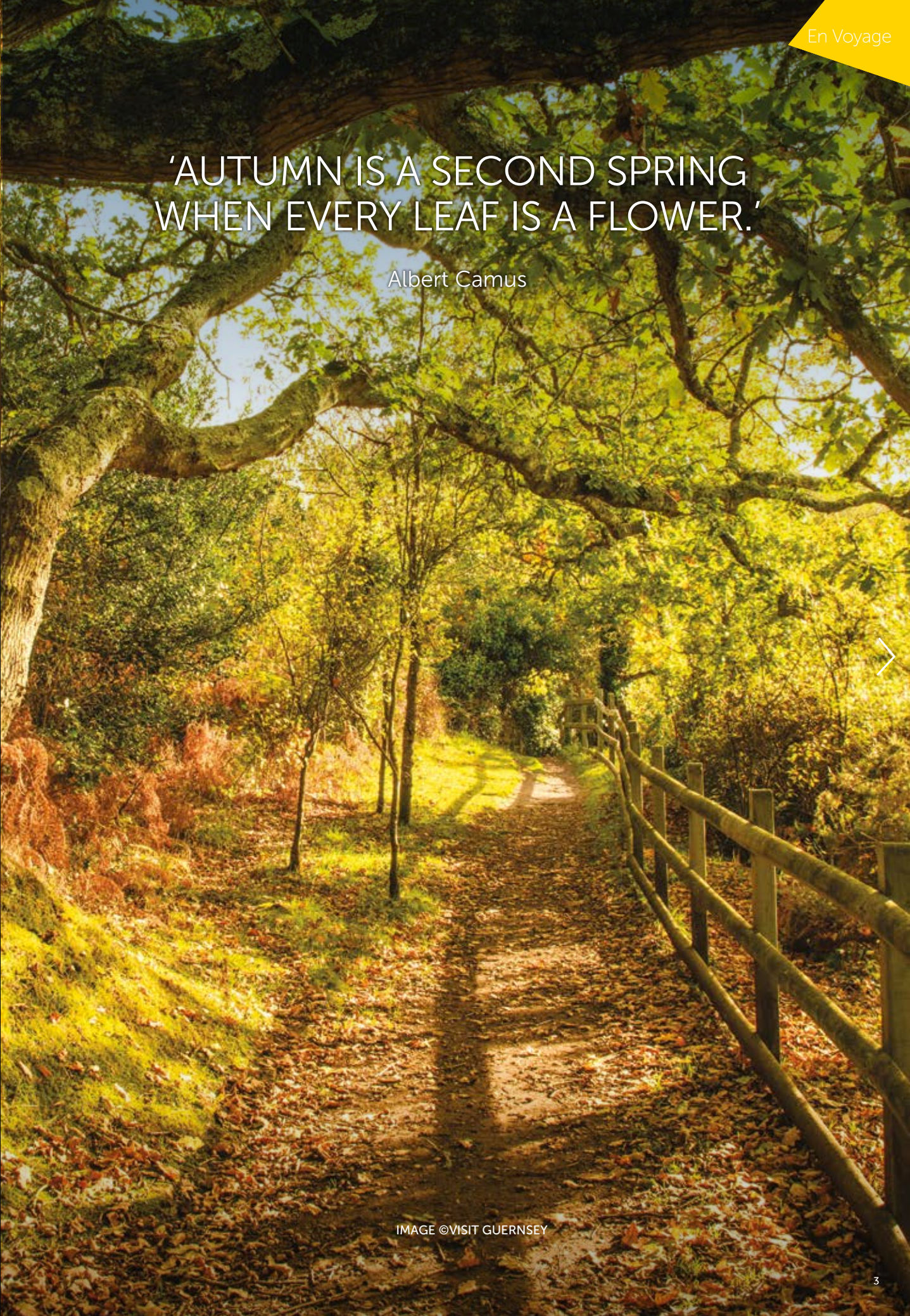




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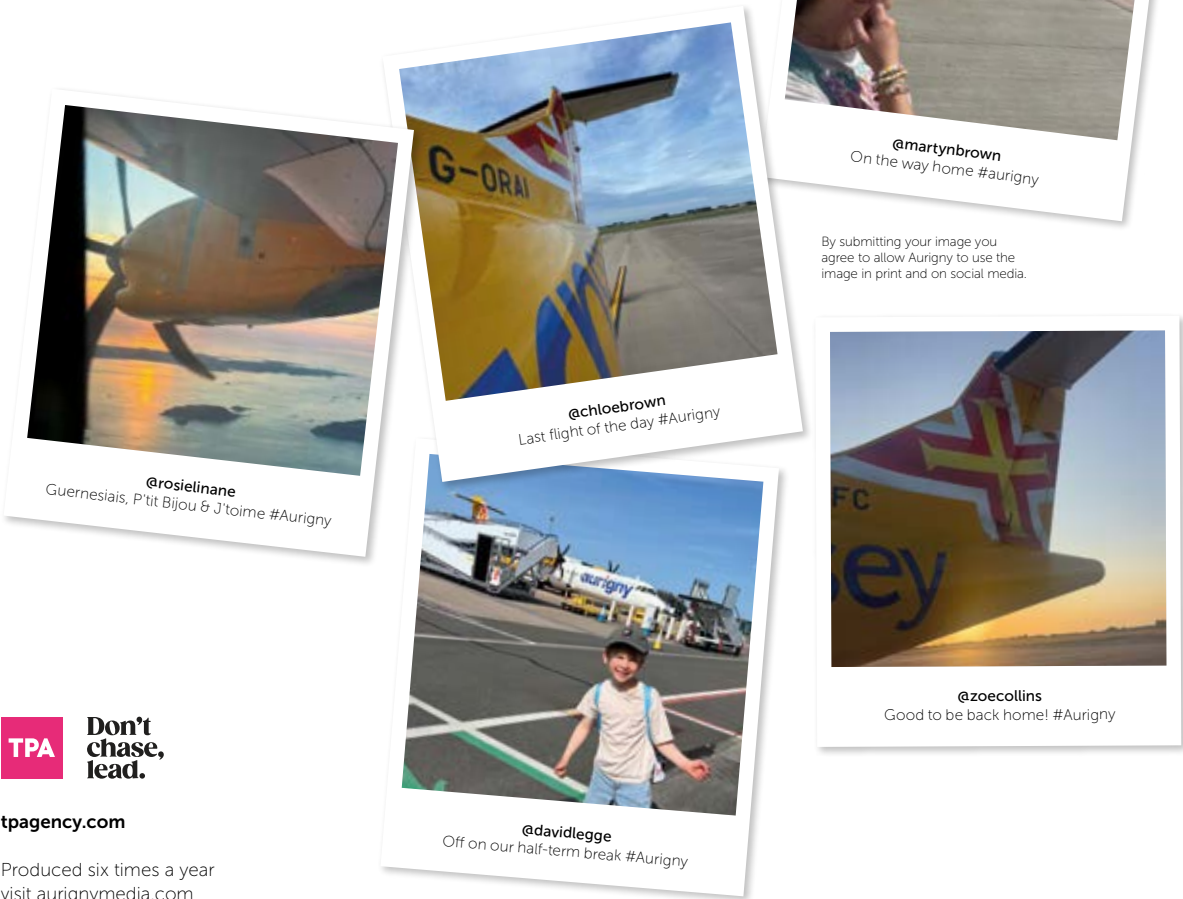


'AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING
WHEN EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER.'

Albert Camus

#Aurigny SEND US YOUR SHOTS!

We want to see your photos, perhaps a colourful sunset at 12,000 feet, a runway panoramic or an on-board abstract. Upload your best photo to any social media platform 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.



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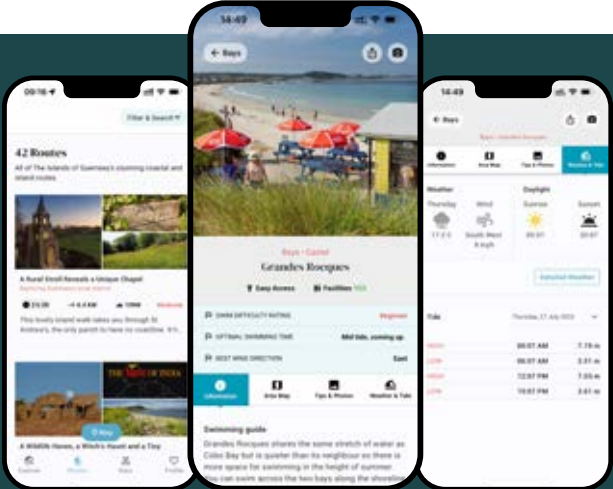
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Hello and welcome

CLIVE ACTON, HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICES

On behalf of everyone at Aurigny, thank you for choosing to travel with us today.

As we look ahead to winter, we are proud to announce our largest-ever programme to Grenoble, between 19 December and 13 February. With services operating from both Guernsey and Jersey this season, we know island life shouldn't stop when winter starts.

Our focus on improving your experience continues with the launch of **Aurigny Together**, our new Customer Experience Programme. As your airline, and one dedicated to serving the Channel Islands, Aurigny is unique in that it works just for you. If you can think of something we

could do better, or just have a suggestion to enhance your experience, share your views at aurigny.com/together - because together, we can make Aurigny your airline, not just in name, but in the way we show up each and every day.

We are also delighted to have played our part in a record summer for Guernsey, carrying more passengers in summer 2026 than in any other year throughout our almost 60-year history. If you are visiting for the first time, we wish you a very warm welcome.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable journey.

ELECTRIC HEATING IN GUERNSEY: WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

THERE'S A NEW ELECTRIC HEATING TARIFF COMING SOON TO GUERNSEY.
MEET OFF PEAK HEAT 19.

Looking into electric heating in Guernsey?
Chances are you've heard a few things.

- ▶ "Watch out – Guernsey Electricity might refuse your load application."
- ▶ "The running costs are higher than you think."
- ▶ "If you want the cheap off-peak rates, you'll have to rip out all your radiators and pipework."

**Fair points? Absolutely.
Dealbreakers? Not anymore**

Every year, around 400 homes in Guernsey move to electric heating. But our underground electricity supply cables work like water pipes – they can only handle so much flow at once. When everyone switches heating on at 5pm while cooking dinner, the network hits a peak that's pricey to run. And if your local cable is already stretched by neighbouring demand, a standard flow boiler is unlikely to get the green light anymore.

That's why Guernsey Electricity created Off-Peak Heat 19.

Instead of drawing more expensive power during peak hours on the 'Superheat' tariff, Off-Peak Heat 19 powers a "wet" electric storage boiler that connects directly to your existing radiators and pipework – no major overhaul needed to enjoy off-peak electricity.

And the system will automatically do all the clock watching for you.

- ▶ Your boiler draws 19-hours of discounted electricity across night and daytime off-peak windows to heat and store thermal energy.
- ▶ During morning and evening peak hours, the boiler stops pulling heavy power from the grid and simply releases its stored heat when you need it.
- ▶ As it dodges peak-time grid strain, your 'load application' is more likely to be accepted.

Planning a switch or facing a refused application? Ask your installer if an electric Off Peak Storage Boiler will be the right fit for your home.

Buy Low. Heat High.

OFF-PEAK HEATING

BUY

DEAL

HEATING COSTS



GRID ACCEPTANCE



SMART SAVINGS



GRID DEMAND



PAYING PEAK



Off Peak Heat 19 is Guernsey's new electric heating tariff and will help more islanders who switch to electric heating benefit from lower electricity prices.

Search 'Off-peak Heating' at www.electricity.gg or scan the QR code to learn more.



AURIGNY PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN A BUMPER SUMMER 2026



Hundreds of new weekend day-trippers have discovered Guernsey this summer, travelling from Southampton with Aurigny as part of our new **IslandDays** day-trip product.

Designed to capture the imagination of people on the South Coast, IslandDays encourages visitors to see Guernsey as part of their weekend lifestyle - an easy escape when the mood takes them - rather than the usual drive to somewhere in England. Whether it's a spontaneous day by the sea, lunch at a favourite restaurant

or discovering somewhere new, IslandDays makes a trip to Guernsey feel like a natural alternative to the traditional weekend getaway.

The innovative initiative is one of those championed by Aurigny to support Guernsey's growth and popularity as a tourism destination, giving day-trippers a taste of what the islands offer. After such a visit, they are statistically much more likely to return for longer holidays in the future.

Growth this summer was further supported by our television and digital campaign in May,

which reached more than 7,000,000 adults across the UK and drove a 30% increase in searches for flights on Aurigny.com during the month, just ahead of the summer season.

Together with Visit Guernsey, these initiatives have helped support Aurigny's busiest summer in its history, with more passengers travelling during summer 2026 than in any other year throughout our almost 60 years.

For us, this is about more than filling seats. It is about bringing more people to experience the islands we are proud to call home.



THE ISLANDS WE CALL HOME

There's something special about discovering an island through the eyes of the people who know it best. That's the idea behind our new series, The Islands We Call Home, where we're putting the spotlight on our very own people and the places that make the island special to them.

Across three videos, three members of our wonderful cabin crew, Angie, Charlie and Megan, take us to some of their favourite places in Guernsey. They showed us beautiful beaches, hidden gems and local spots they return to time and time again. These are the places that make Guernsey feel like home.



Whether you're a lifelong islander, a regular visitor or discovering Guernsey for the first time, you might just find somewhere new to explore along the way.



Want to see Guernsey through their eyes? Scan the QR code to watch The Islands We Call Home.

MEET OUR SOUTHAMPTON TEAM

We're excited to shine a spotlight on our growing presence in Southampton, where we now have a dedicated Aurigny team based at the airport.

Having our own people on the ground means passengers have a familiar Aurigny face on hand, helping strengthen communication and making the overall travel experience feel more connected and personal.



We've also welcomed our new CAMO engineering team to Southampton, further strengthening our presence and expertise at the base.

For many islanders, travelling to Southampton is an important part of accessing essential services, including healthcare appointments and treatment on the mainland. Our Southampton team plays an important role in helping make these journeys as smooth, reassuring and well-supported as possible.

We recently spent some time with our Southampton-based team to get to know the people behind the route.

Head over to our social channels to meet the team for yourself!

Instagram: **@aurignyairlines**
Facebook: **@aurigny**



IN FOCUS REPORT - AUGUST

Aurigny in Focus: How we're Performing

As we move through the summer season, we're back to keep you informed about our operations and performance.

August saw strong completion rates across our network, alongside an improvement in punctuality compared with the previous month. Our teams continue to work together to deliver a safe, reliable and dependable service for our island communities and visitors.

August in Context

August is one of the busiest periods of the year for us, with increased demand as customers travel for summer holidays, to visit friends and family, and for business.

In August, 52,791 travellers booked flights across our network.

Throughout the month, our teams worked hard to keep the network operating as reliably as possible, while supporting customers throughout their journeys and when disruption occurred.

As always, customer feedback remains important to us. We encourage passengers to complete our post-flight survey, helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve.

52,791
TRAVELLERS BOOKED

Our On-Time Performance

As is industry standard, we measure on-time performance by the percentage of flights arriving within 15 minutes of their scheduled time.

1. During August, 80% of flights arrived within 15 minutes of schedule, including the impact of weather.
2. Excluding weather-related disruption, 88% of flights arrived within 15 minutes of schedule.

Our August punctuality represents an improvement on July, when 79% of flights arrived within 15 minutes of schedule, including weather.

By comparison, all other airlines operating at London Gatwick achieved 71% on-time performance within 15 minutes of scheduled arrival during August.

While punctuality remains an important area of focus, these figures reflect the continued efforts of teams across the airline to keep customers moving and minimise disruption wherever possible.

*Source: Eurocontrol.

Our Completion Rates

Flight completion rate measures the percentage of flights operated compared to the number planned.

1. In August, our flight completion rate was 98% when excluding weather.
2. Including the impact of weather, our completion rate remained a strong 98%.

This continues a period of strong completion performance, following a 97% completion rate in July when excluding weather.

By comparison, all other airlines operating at London Gatwick achieved an average flight completion rate of 95%.

Maintaining these levels during the summer period demonstrates the commitment of teams across Aurigny to operating as many planned services as possible and providing a dependable service to our customers.

*Source: Eurocontrol.

Our Contact Centre

- Calls connected: 3,829
- Average wait time: 44 seconds

Our Contact Centre continued to support customers throughout August, with average wait times improving compared with the previous month. In fact, wait times were reduced by more than half, highlighting how important it is to us that customers can speak to someone as quickly as possible when they need support.

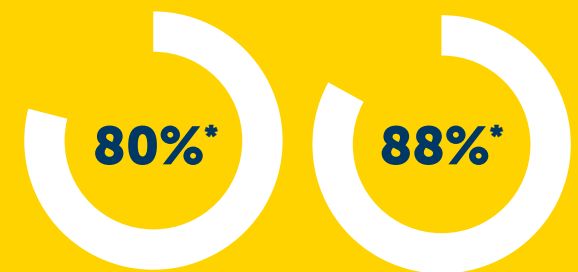
In Summary

August was a strong month for flight completion and punctuality also improved compared with July.

With 52,791 travellers booked across our network, our teams continued to work hard throughout the month to keep customers moving and minimise disruption.

As we move towards the end of the summer season, our focus remains on maintaining strong completion rates, improving punctuality and listening to our customers to identify where we can continue to improve.

Thank you to all our passengers for your continued support and feedback.



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WEATHER, 15 MINS



OTP AURIGNY, EXCL
WEATHER 15 MINS



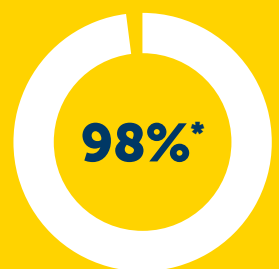
OTP ALL OTHER
AIRLINES AT GATWICK



GATWICK FLIGHT
COMPLETION RATE



AURIGNY FLIGHT
COMPLETION RATE
- INCL WEATHER:



AURIGNY FLIGHT
COMPLETION RATE
- EXCL WEATHER:

3,829
NUMBER OF CALLS CONNECTED





OUR FLEET

Aurigny has a fleet of six fuel-efficient ATR aircraft and two Twin Otter DHC6-300s. The aircraft are suited to our regional network. Did you know? Some of our aircraft registrations have a special meaning to us; for example, G-PEMB is named after Pembroke Bay in Guernsey.



ATR 72-600
NUMBER IN FLEET 6
BUILT Toulouse, France
ENGINES 2 x Pratt & Whitney PW-127 M Turboprops
MAXIMUM SPEED 276 knots (318 mph)
SEAT CAPACITY 72
RANGE 1,023 miles (1,646 km)



Twin Otter DHC6-300
NUMBER IN FLEET 2
BUILT Canada
ENGINES 2 Pratt & Whitney PT6A-27s
MAXIMUM SPEED 140 knots (161 mph)
SEAT CAPACITY 17 + Dog
RANGE 982 miles (1,581 km)



1968
Founded



17 MILLION
Aurigny has carried over 17 million passengers since it was founded



HOLIDAY FLIGHTS IN 2020

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



1977
First airline in the world to ban smoking on all services



1
FA Cup
Flown to Guernsey on 19th August 2016



8
Aircraft



1
Birth on board
Between Alderney and Guernsey



1
In-flight marriage



300
Staff



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*
 - EDINBURGH
 - EXETER
 - GRENOBLE*
 - JERSEY
 - LEEDS BRADFORD*
 - LONDON CITY
 - LONDON GATWICK
 - MANCHESTER
 - SOUTHAMPTON
 - PARIS CDG
- FROM ALDERNEY**

 - GUERNSEY
 - SOUTHAMPTON
- Aurigny's full flight schedules are now on sale for travel until 24 March 2027. Visit Aurigny.com for more details.
- *Denotes seasonal route

SAFETY FIRST

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 the flight and falling items may cause injury.

YOUR SAFETY

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 & VAPING

Smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices 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.

TRAVELLING WITH INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Infants under the age of 2 need to be secured whenever the seatbelt sign is on, this can be achieved through the use of a seatbelt loop provided by the airline to secure the infant on an adult's lap. A child

over the age of 2 must be secured in their own seat to ensure their safety in the event of an emergency landing or turbulence.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES*

HANDHELD DEVICES WITH A 'FLIGHT SAFE' MODE

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

LAPTOPS, ULTRABOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS

Devices may be used during boarding but not for taxi, take-off and landing, when they must be safely stowed away in hand luggage. They may be used in flight, provided they are set to flight safe mode, with WiFi turned off. Bluetooth can only be used throughout the flight on the ATR.

DEVICES WITHOUT A 'FLIGHT SAFE' MODE

This will include items such as DVD players, electronic games and music players. Only small, handheld devices may be used during taxi, take-off and landing. Larger devices must be switched off and safely stowed away in hand luggage during taxi, take-off and landing.

BLUETOOTH ACCESSORIES

All Bluetooth accessories (for example wireless keyboards, headphones etc.) may be used on the ATR.

ARE THERE ANY TIMES I CANNOT USE MY HANDHELD DEVICES?

Under certain circumstances your flight or cabin crew will ask that all electronic devices be switched

off, for example, during refuel operations. This will be announced over the PA.

CAN I USE MY HEADPHONES THROUGHOUT THE FLIGHT?

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

CAN I USE A REMOTE POWER PACK?

Aurigny does not allow passengers to charge their devices while on board our aircraft.

Please ask a member of cabin crew if you have any queries.

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

BAGGAGE ADVICE FOR PASSENGERS



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



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



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



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



Immediately report the loss of checked-in luggage if it does not arrive at your destination. Do this before leaving the airport.



ON BOARD

PASSENGER AWARENESS

Welcome on board!

We hope that you will enjoy your flight and, of course, allow others to enjoy theirs. All passengers have the right to safe, secure and comfortable travel on board our aircraft. Unruly or disruptive behaviour would ruin this experience and could also be traumatic for passengers or crew.



PACK RIGHT. SAFE FLIGHT

Lithium batteries are generally very safe, but because of their high energy, if they are not treated with care or if they are abused or have a manufacturing fault, they can catch fire. Batteries have been the cause of a number of fires on board aircraft. It is important for your safety and that of others that you understand our procedures to help us minimise such risks.

1. Power Banks & Vapes:

must always be carried in the cabin. You cannot fly with more than two power banks, and they can never be recharged in-flight.

If you have a power bank packed in your checked luggage, you must alert the crew immediately.

2. Spare Batteries:

must also be carried in your cabin baggage and individually protected from short-circuiting (e.g., in their retail packaging or with taped terminals).

3. Watt-Hour Limits:

lithium-ion batteries exceeding 100Wh cannot be carried without approval.

Devices under 100Wh are common in phones, laptops and cameras.

100wh+ batteries can be found in large power banks - and if you are a member of a film crew - they can often be found within your audio-visual equipment.

UNRULY BEHAVIOUR PRIOR TO FLIGHT:

If unruly or disruptive behaviour is noticed prior to the flight, please be aware that transport may be denied.

UNRULY BEHAVIOUR DURING THE FLIGHT:

If such behaviour is demonstrated during the flight, please be aware that there may be serious consequences to these actions. The aircraft may divert and make an unscheduled landing, authorities may meet the flight, and the person responsible for the unruly or disruptive behaviour may be arrested, fined, charged and/or prosecuted.

It is for this reason that we ask all passengers to always:

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

OFFENCES AND OTHER ACTS COMMITTED ON BOARD AIRCRAFT:

Under the Air Navigation Order (A.N.O) and Aviation & Maritime Security Act the following are considered as unacceptable behaviours on board:

1. Assault and other acts of interference against a crew member on board a civil aircraft
2. Assault and other acts endangering safety or jeopardising good order and discipline on board a civil aircraft
3. Other offences committed on board a civil aircraft

FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY:

We ask customers to be respectful of the privacy of our crew and fellow passengers when taking photographs or filming onboard. Please do not film or photograph crew members without their permission. If you are planning organised or commercial filming, requests can be submitted via the form on our website.

OFFENCES TO AVOID

1. Assaulting, intimidating, threatening a crew member or passenger.
2. Refusing to follow instructions from the crew.
3. Intoxicated or disorderly conduct or consuming alcohol which was not provided by crew members. You are not permitted to consume your duty free purchases on board.
4. Engaging in or displaying any indecent or lewd behaviour.
5. Smoking anywhere on board, including in the lavatories.
6. Tampering with the smoke detectors.
7. Using a portable electronic device when not permitted to do so.
8. Removing or damaging safety or emergency equipment, the aircraft or property on board.

GUERNSEY

Beach Guide

Guernsey has a beach and a bay for everyone. Here we discover L'Erée.

L'ERÉE

North of Rocquaine is L'Erée, a spacious beach of agreeably soft sand, agreeably glossy waters and at times, somewhat less agreeably, a huge amount of thick, black seaweed. At low tide this can be a little off-putting, but high tide swallows it all up and then it's a lovely spot for a swim.

To the north of the bay lies Lihou Island, a windswept satellite that's linked to Guernsey by an old stone causeway. Once a monastic retreat, these days it's open to the public at very low tides. It's well worth a visit – the island's bird and marine wildlife make it an important conservation area, while the ruins of the 12th-century priory are interesting (insofar as a series of small walls can be interesting).

Lihou has no beaches, but that's more than compensated for by the Venus Pool, a stunning(ly cold), three-metre-deep tidal rock pool at the island's western tip. Jumping into the crystal-clear water on a hot day is just about the best (and certainly the quickest) way to cool off it's possible to imagine.

During the Occupation the Germans used the old farmhouse on Lihou as target practice, firing shells at it from the Pleinmont Observation Tower, the ugly concrete monolith that looms ominously to the north. In the summer of 2007 Lihou was closed to the public for several weeks while the Territorial Army cleared the island of unexploded shells. In total they removed more than

100 pieces of ordnance, including one that was lurking directly beneath the footpath. After years and years where people had been ambling cheerfully around. So everyone had a good laugh about that.

L'Erée is a great place to watch the sunset, as the sinking red sun throws Fort Grey and the distant Hanois Lighthouse into striking relief.

Optimum Tide HIGH

Best Feature
The panoramic views across Rocquaine and out to the Hanois Lighthouse

Taken from Guernsey Beach Guide.



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WHAT'S ON IN THE BAILIWICK?

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1 – 31 October

THE BIG EAT 2026

This festival brings together a programme of food-focused events across the Bailiwick, alongside month-long menus celebrating local produce.

1 October – 30 November

TENNERFEST

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6 – 30 October

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20 October

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22 October

'FALLEN ANGELS' – 'PURE, ESCAPIST FUN'

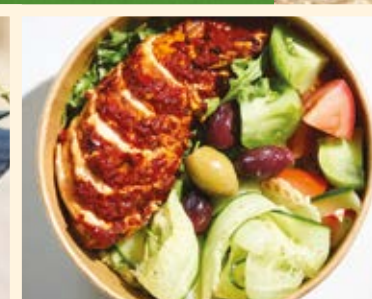
Noel Coward's champagne-fresh comedy of bad manners, shocked and delighted audiences at its 1925 premiere. Check out the latest screening at the Princess

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24 October,
11am – 3pm

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13 November – 18 December
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IN LONDON



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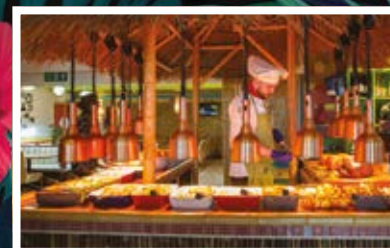
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ABOVE: MAP OF 17TH CENTURY NEW ENGLAND AND
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En Voyage

EDMUND ANDROS: THE GUERNSEY BAILIFF WHO GOVERNED NEW YORK

WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CELEBRATING ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR,
SIMON DE LA RUE TAKES A LOOK AT THE ROLE PLAYED BY A NOTABLE GUERNSEYMAN
IN ITS EARLY, PRE-INDEPENDENCE HISTORY.

The military conflict that resulted in the United States of America becoming an independent nation is currently characterised on the US Department of State's website as 'a small rag-tag army defeating the mightiest empire in the world and establishing the greatest republic ever to exist'.

It's a proud boast.

As is Secretary of State Marco Rubio's quote alongside the above, describing the American Revolution as 'the most significant political event in the history of the world'.

The consequences were certainly far reaching – geographically and temporally – and Guernsey was greatly affected by the conflict in profound and lasting ways.

But long before the islands were feeling the effects of events in the American colonies, those colonies' own stories were being shaped, in part, by a man who was at the same time both the Bailiff of Guernsey and the governor

of New York. His name was Sir Edmund Andros, now considered one of the most controversial figures of America's colonial history – the bogeyman of the Boston Revolt of 1689.

The son of Amias Andros, Bailiff of Guernsey and Seigneur de Sausmarez, Edmund spent most of his younger years off-island. He was sent to Holland, aged five, to become a courtier when the English Civil War broke out and was back there again in his early 20s, serving as a commissioned soldier under Charles II. But a few years later, he was sent further afield, serving in Barbados.

When his father died in 1674, there was much concern locally that the new Bailiff should be someone who was going to be permanently resident in Guernsey. But Charles II quickly chose Edmund to succeed his father despite already having made plans for him to be the new governor of New York, newly restored to British control

by the Treaty of Westminster a few months earlier. Indeed, the Duke of York (aka the King's brother James) signed him up as the new man in charge of the colony that had just been renamed after him, five days before his swearing in as Bailiff of Guernsey.

Off Edmund went in August, appointing his uncle Charles Andros – Seigneur d'Anneville – as Lieutenant Bailiff in his absence.

If these events failed to endear Edmund to the people of little old Guernsey, it was as nothing compared to the antipathy he was destined to generate in the little old colony previously known as New Netherlands – and especially in the town previously known as New Amsterdam.

**'A SMALL RAG-TAG ARMY
DEFEATING THE MIGHTIEST
EMPIRE IN THE WORLD AND
ESTABLISHING THE GREATEST
REPUBLIC EVER TO EXIST'**



ABOVE: A 19TH CENTURY ILLUSTRATION OF THE BOSTON REVOLT OF 1689. RIGHT: NEW YORK IN 1650 ©ISTOCKPHOTO.



ABOVE: SAUSMAREZ MANOR ©VISITGUERNSEY.

It would be easy to picture Edmund arriving at his new post as governor of New York all agog at the bustling mayhem of an international trading port – it was, after all, the second biggest town in what we now call the USA. Well, it was indeed a busy trading harbour, as was the even bigger Boston to the north, but so was Guernsey.

To put this in context, the combined populations of New York and Boston in 1674 – the largest towns in the American colonies – came to about the same as Guernsey's population at the time. Many of New York's 2,500-3,000 residents – certainly most of the influential ones – were Dutch traders who were far from happy with the many and various new restrictions that were placed upon them, as Edmund enacted laws drafted in London.

The more he pleased his masters in England – culminating in his being knighted in 1678 – the less enamoured were his colonial inhabitants. And it wasn't just customs laws to which they were objecting, it was also religious tolerance, seen by the largely Puritan colonists as leniency towards Roman Catholicism.

Having established himself firmly as the establishment, Sir Edmund had to return to England in 1680 to clear his name after being accused of embezzling customs duties. In the years following, he was made

a Gentleman of the King's Privy Chamber and found time to buy the governorship of Alderney.

In 1684 Charles II died and his brother became King James II. The following year, the new king made Sir Edmund captain general and governor-in-chief of the Dominion of New England.

He and Lady Andros arrived in Boston in December 1686, responsible for the governorship of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New Plymouth, Rhode Island and Connecticut. New York and New Jersey were later added.

Among the orders he carried out were the banning of printing presses, 'liberty of conscience' for Puritans and Catholics alike, new taxes, restrictions on trade which forced all imports to come from Britain and the revocation of the rights bestowed on the colonists by Charles I. A group calling themselves the Connecticut Yankees hid their copy of the confirmation of these rights in the hollow of a tree, which became known as the Charter Oak.

It's safe to say that Sir Edmund's rule went down rather badly among the colonists. So when James II was overthrown by his own daughter Mary and her husband William of Orange in 1688, our Bailiff's authority as governor of New England was seen as having vanished along with his master.

It didn't happen straight away – news travelled a lot more sedately in those days than it would today. But when the inhabitants of Boston got wind of the regime change in April 1689, the deeply unpopular Guern was set upon, bound and imprisoned, as was the lieutenant-governor he had appointed to oversee New York.

He didn't rest easy in prison, escaping as far as Rhode Island at one point, before being recaptured. But he was to find himself very well treated in the end. The new king and queen managed to quell the discontent sufficiently to remain in control of the American colonies and Sir Edmund was sent back to England to face the music.

There, it was argued that he'd simply been following the orders of a regime that it was convenient to portray as errant. It didn't hurt that the new king remembered him fondly from his days in Holland. One report said that 'Sir Edmund is almost every day with the King and is sent for by him often'.

Remarkably, Sir Edmund was even sent back to the American colonies, this time as governor of Virginia, with Maryland subsequently being added to his jurisdiction.

With a less malign set of instructions to follow, Sir Edmund seems to have prospered, while encouraging his territories to

prosper. However, he was to return to England in 1698 and, under the reign of Queen Anne, was appointed Lt-Governor of Guernsey.

This was a hitherto unprecedented move. Indeed, appointing the Bailiff to the role of Lt-Governor has only happened once since, under rather singular circumstances in 1940 when the Bailiwick faced an existential threat from approaching German military forces.

Sir Edmund seems not to have spent much time in Guernsey during his later years. He mainly lived at his home at Denmark Hill in London, 'overseeing' the Bailiwick through a Lieutenant-Bailiff.

Sir Edmund died on 27 February 1714, aged 76, at his London home.

In his will, Sir Edmund – with no children of his own – left his land in Guernsey and the Americas to his nephew John, on condition that he build a suitable manor house at the Fief de Sausmarez. That house is what we now know as Sausmarez Manor, in St Martin's.

Sir Edmund also left behind him a history of unpopular overlordship in the colonies, which still resonates within the American national foundation myth.

But he hasn't always been painted as the villain, even by those in the much newer New England. The Bostonian politician and writer William Henry Whitmore, in his

three-volume Andros Tracts – published between 1868 and 1874 – questioned 'the censure which his services incurred'.

'He was governor at times of every royal province on the mainland and exercised a larger influence than any other ruler sent hither by Great Britain,' Whitmore wrote.

'That his government was distasteful to the citizens of Massachusetts is undeniable, but no man sent there to perform the same duty would have been acceptable. In reality, the grievance of the colonists lay in the destruction of their charter and – filled with hatred against those who had thus deprived them of this accustomed liberty – they were at enmity with every form of government that might be imposed in its place. We see then no reason to doubt that Sir Edmund Andros was an upright and honourable man, faithful to his employer, conscientious in his religious belief, an able soldier, possessed of great administrative abilities, a man worthy to be ranked among the leaders of his time.'

This feature is based on research by Hubertus Lau, who wishes to acknowledge the significant contribution of articles in the transactions of La Société Guernesiaise penned by Edith Carey in 1913.

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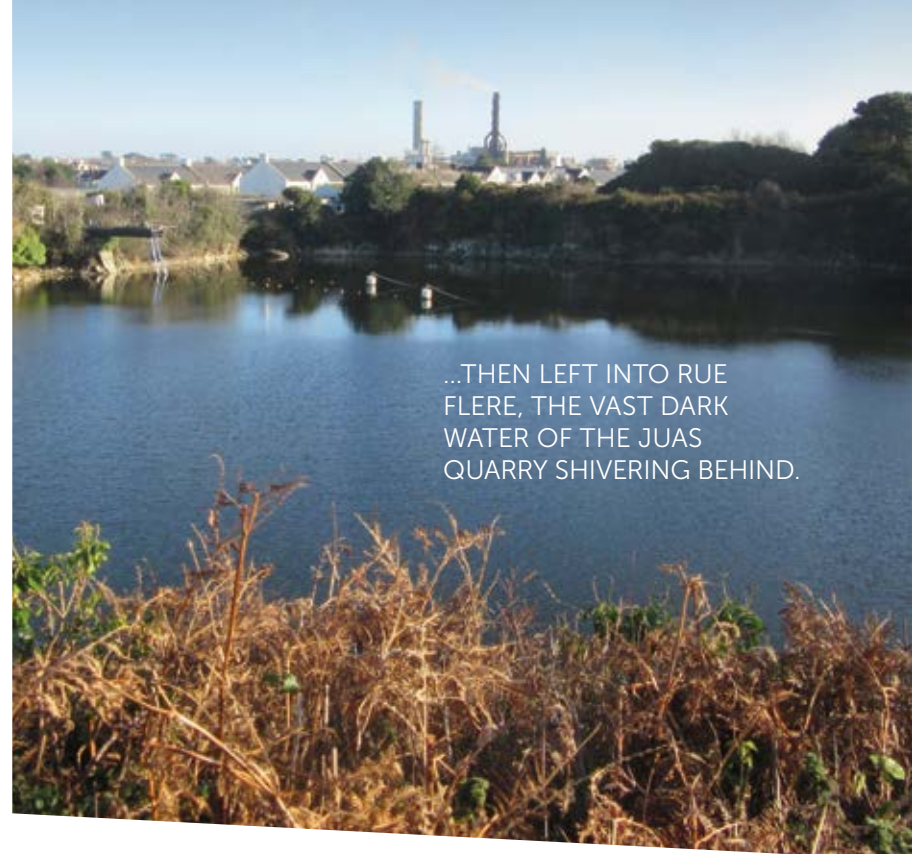
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ABOVE L-R: ST SAMPSON'S HARBOUR;
LE CROCQ PIER; ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH GROUNDS.

TOP: DELANCEY PARK.
ABOVE: THE BEAUTIFUL GRANITE WORK ON A
POWER STATION OUTBUILDING. ABOVE RIGHT: THE JUAS QUARRY.

AUTUMN WALKS

BY SHAUN SHACKLETON

ST SAMPSON'S

I love a rooky wood, a secret bay, a newly ploughed field or a daisy-bedecked heath as much as the next person.

The soft verges are great, but sometimes what the soul needs is a bit of hard shoulder. It's like listening to Arthur Honegger's alpine tone-poem Pastorale d'Été when all you really want is the Hammond organ-driven Fire by the Crazy World of Arthur Brown.

So fixing my inbuilt compass to the magnetic industrial north, I set off east down Longue Hougue Lane, the warehouse-lined canyon that cuts between Les Grandes Maisons Road and Bulwer Avenue. The dawn chorus of hydraulics, clangs and reverse warnings of forklifts had long since ceased (down our street we get awoken by Stills and Lansings rather than sparrows and larks), the blinding, rising sun long over to the west.

I crossed the road and headed down towards the reclamation

yard, passing the huge hulks of boat moulds lining the road.

Doubling back onto Bulwer I headed towards the bend into South Side but instead took a right into a road that ran past the rowing club hut and the ever-pointing sailor and under Mont Crevett. Here there's a small secret beach that seems popular with kayakers.

I'd never seen anyone up and around the loophole tower (No.3), so always assumed you couldn't. But steps leading up the side of the German bunker suggested that you could.

You can't actually get in the battery, but it affords a great view back down Bulwer Avenue and across St Sampson's Harbour.

Back down another winding staircase it's quite a shock to find a swastika carved in the cement, although when it's full of leaves, as it was this day, it almost goes back to its Sanskrit meaning of good fortune. Well, almost.

A diversion through St Sampson's Church grounds, the final resting

place for a child healer and the shipwrecked, and home to Guernsey's very own two-storey Flat Iron Building.

Onto South Quay and a mooch round South Side, with its scaffold piles, wintering boats and charity shops, then under the clock tower and onto Le Crocq Pier with its red-painted port guide light and secret room underneath.

The Bridge is festooned with its year-round decorations, rows of clear bulbs like someone is drying tears on a washing line. Lunchtime drinkers were engaged in a conference of tobacco and football outside the pub and builders sat in van cabs eating freshly-bought pastries and sarnies.

Turning down North Quay, past the corrugated iron sheds of the boat builders on one side and the old chapel-like, ice-cream blue Vale Power Station on the other, the beautiful granite work on an outbuilding, like a crazed mosaic of pink and grey and blue, lay under decades of dust and traffic detritus.

Turning back and down La Hure Mare Road, alongside the weighbridge and the rounded buildings on the corner, and more on the corner of Trafalgar Road, it was down past the States Works depots full of trucks and vans and a warehouse stacked with road signs.

Into Route Summerfield, right, then left into Rue Flere, the vast dark water of the Juas Quarry shivering behind.

Left down Routes des Coutures, across the road passing the supermarket and the recently closed hardware store, and back onto the Bridge.

With old shops closing and new ones opening, a Thai takeaway and an Indian restaurant, three pubs, a chip shop, one remaining bank and a bookies and several hairdressers, I've always wished some entrepreneur would come along and open up an amusement arcade, with old school games such as air hockey, Periscope, Sea Devil, Duck Hunt, Whirly Bird and Zaxxon. Perhaps somewhere could do candyfloss? Winkles in a cup? The Bridge rock? This would complete the feel of a small seaside town from 1978. Packed during the day, deserted at night save for the muffled jukebox and glow from pub windows, the rain

petting the streetlamps and the last bus into Town pulling away round South Quay.

I went down Commercial Road then round into Ronde Cheminee and saw, for the first time ever, the actual round chimney. Further up the road, a circle of cobbles, and up the hill and taking in the Rink, a crucifixion, abandoned tennis courts and a Neolithic burial chamber in Delancey Park, I made it back down to the beginning.

Above it all, all the way round, there was the rusted leviathan fuselage of the power station chimney, wreathed in clouds like a steam-punk rocket, ready for take off.

THE WALK

Route: Les Grandes Maisons Road and back via the Bridge and its environs

Mileage: Around two

Time: An hour-and-a-half

Kind of walk: Decidedly urban, mainly road and pavement

Refreshments: Plenty of places for food and drink – from pub and chippie to takeaway and supermarket

Toilets: Public ones North Quay

ST SAVIOUR'S

Nature is having its last fling before the trees go nude.



The leaves are turning from green to yellow, filtering through the low September sun, tinting the paths sepia.

I took to the upper parishes last Friday, on the autumn equinox, when the northern hemisphere gives up on the summer and resigns itself to the upcoming winter.

But today it was having its last hurrah. The sun was out and, as I set off down Rue Patey (at the southern tip of the reservoir's duckbill), the only thing to stop the day feeling like spring was the crunch of acorns underfoot. Usually a puddled mud trail, under the winding tunnel of trees the path was an Axminster of popping nuts and cups.



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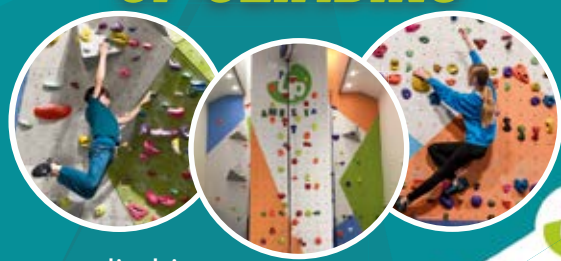
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RUE PATEY.

Out onto Rue de L'Église, with its hidden abreuvoir and woods, and then back onto Patey, the large house in the valley with its wooden door in the wall, a perfect clandestine escape for Blytonesque midnight rambles with a torch.

On Route de Sous L'Église, it's right and down into the nature reserve. The whole place has been trimmed and shorn. The huge Monterey pines holding aloft their spiky islands. Around past the Auberge du Val Hotel and up the hill, across the valley the parish church's square tower and lead spire floated among the treetops.

Past the ivy-strewn orange pantiles of an old barn on the hill's corner, it was left into Rue de la Neuve Maison. Just when I thought that I'd been just about everywhere on these tracks, I found myself rounding an unfamiliar corner and into an unknown valley.

A couple were tending to their hedge and 'Mornings' were exchanged, then down into the

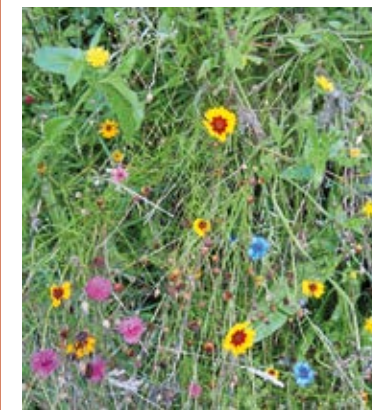


ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH CHURCH.

wooded valley with another abreuvoir and an under-road stream trickling through. Up the other side and to Frie au Four Cottage, its shoulder hunkered into the valley side, as if holding up the road above.

Right into Rue Feveresse and the corn was high on one side while on the other someone inspected their pond, drained for the winter months.

Right then left into Rue des Issues and past where Guernsey's premier tourist attraction once stood, now a row of decidedly 21st-century dwellings.



only ginnel that is Ruelle des Merez. Smaller than Rue Patey but with more of a feeling that you've discovered something secret, this path wends its way past some lovely houses and comes out opposite the end (or beginning) of Rue de la Neuve Maison. I turned right and then left onto Rue des Issues heading north.

A group of horse riders passed, all clad in hi-vis safety vests, like Tron gone equine. I joined the junction of Issues, Feveresse and Le Frie au Four and took the hill down, a farmhouse wall ablaze with the flames of red leaves.

Out onto Route de Sous L'Église, with the Auberge on the left, I took to the hill and disappeared back down Rue Patey, shutting autumn's door behind me.

Soon we'll be in our kitchens carving pumpkins into lanterns, saving the flesh for soup and pies. Or shelling chestnuts to roast into mush or crunching them raw.

Clouds outside building, causing the wireless to crackle. Leaves on the attic skylight. Mice in the cellar.

Just a few minutes' rest and I imagined the place full again with Ford Escorts, Hillman Imps and Austin 1100s, the long-gone painted concrete castles and tunnels and windmills of the crazy golf course, greenhouses full of fat red fruit and punnets of pick-your-owns, the flaming barbecues through the glass and the dying notes of Orange Blossom Special by the Foggy Mountain Breakdown Boys on summer weekend evenings, the buzz of lathes and the smell of wood from the woodturner's. The taste of ice creams and crisps, colas and cordials, the bubble perms of mothers and the sideburns and mullets of fathers. And a pound note to last you all day. Most locals get a tinge of nostalgia for the Strawberry Farm.

Leaving the Adidas and Falmer jeans-clad ghosts behind to sip their Crestas, crunch on their smoky bacon Piglets and light up their Rothmans Reds, I walked towards Rue du Gron, went right and then right again down Les Ruettes (past a cottage with a bush growing round its chimney) and then straight into the pedestrian-

THE WALK

Route: Rue Patey and back via Route de Sous L'Église, Rue de la Neuve Maison, Rue des Issues, Rue du Gron and Ruelle des Merez

Mileage: Around two

Time: Around an hour

Kind of walk: Road, path and green lane

Refreshments: Auberge du Val

Public toilets: None



LEFT: SAUMAREZ PARK. ABOVE: L'ANCRESSE COMMON. ABOVE RIGHT; COASTAL WALK. RIGHT: LIHOU CAUSEWAY IN THE FOG. ALL IMAGES ©ISLAND FAMILIES.

AUTUMN WALKING WITH KIDS

NATALIE MYERS FROM ISLANDFAMILIES SHARES WHY AUTUMN CAN BE A MAGICAL TIME FOR EXPLORING GUERNSEY WITH KIDS

I've long considered autumn to be one of the best times to explore Guernsey on foot. The summer crowds have disappeared, the temperature is perfect for getting active and the island's lanes and coastline look completely different.

For children, though, the trick is not necessarily finding the most picture-perfect walk but giving them a reason to keep walking – something to enjoy along the way, I guess.

With a little imagination, an adventurous family walk can become a treasure hunt or competition. Before you leave, give everyone a list of things to find: a yellow leaf, a feather, a pine cone, something round, something spiky, a piece of driftwood or the biggest stone they can carry.

Tweens and teens can take photos rather than collecting things, while really small ones can simply see how many items they can spot. Geocaching is another level of hunting if you want to go that route.

SAUMAREZ PARK

We love a stroll around Saumarez Park at any time of year, but autumn is particularly fun as the leaves fall. There's plenty to look at as you explore the gardens and surrounding paths.

For something a little more adventurous, Fauxquets Valley is great for exploring with its woodland, ponds and nature reserve.

Be sure to extend your walk into Talbot Valley if you have time!

It might seem criminal to admit, but I actually prefer the beaches in the autumn over summer. You can't beat an autumnal beach walk in my opinion, especially when the tide is all the way out.

And Guernsey's enormous tidal range means beaches can look completely different from one visit to the next.

Try L'Ancrese and Pembroke, where the huge stretch of beach alongside the common gives kids plenty of space to explore and run free. Or try Cobo or Grandes Rocques for a west-coast wander.

At low tide, children can explore rock pools, hunt for shells, spot tiny sea creatures and investigate the bits of coastline that are normally underwater.

LIHOU ISLAND

For something a little different, take a stroll over to Lihou Island. The walk across the causeway is amazing enough for little ones with plenty of rock pools to check out as you go. We've been when the fog rolled in which only added to the excitement for us. Why not see who can spot a crab, limpet, or anemone?

Whichever part of the coastline you choose to walk, please always check the tide or Lihou causeway times before you go, and keep an eye on incoming water.

WOODLAND WALKS

Woodland walks are particularly lovely in October and November. Le Guet, just inland from Cobo, is a great one to explore, with

its tall pine trees and paths leading towards the west coast. Sometimes you'll find the remnants of a den amongst the trees too. Bluebell Woods near La Vallette is another beautiful place for a walk. There may not be bluebells in the autumn but the woodland trails leading towards the cliff paths and sea views are worth the visit.

LET THE KIDS DECIDE

And then there's the simplest game of all: let the kids decide. Pick a starting point, set a timer, and let them decide which way to turn along the way. You might end up somewhere unexpected, but I can guarantee that in Guernsey, it will always be fun. We find the Rousse area particularly good for a family wander with the headland,

beach, pier and fortifications all providing things to discover along the way. A pit stop for a hot chocolate afterwards is always a perk!

The best family walk isn't the one where you cover the most miles. It's the one where everyone comes home with dirty shoes and pockets full of treasures.

IslandFamilies is a vibrant hub of information, and home to the popular Community Club, helping families get the most out of life in the Bailiwick. Visit islandfamilies.com for more information on things to do, places to go, and money to be saved along the way.



SEASON OF DISCOVERY

By Amanda Eulenkamp

INTRODUCING THE WRITERS



Jessamy Baldwin



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JUST ONE FOR THE ROAD

As summer crowds fade away, autumn offers the perfect opportunity to discover places at a gentler pace, with quieter streets, colourful landscapes and crisp days ideal for exploring.

Nature calls out to us in its autumn hues to throw on an extra layer, wrap up, don the walking shoes, and get outside.

Growing up in Malvern, with the hills quite literally on my doorstep, I was fortunate to enjoy countless walks through one of Britain's most beautiful landscapes.

I think heading up to the summit of British Camp or the Beacon were two of my favourites. I have tried to share my love of my hometown with my children and grandchildren, all of whom were born in Guernsey. I hope you enjoy my reflections of a summer break, when the little ones discovered more of Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

From the top of the Malvern Hills, you can look westward towards Wales, and see the Brecon Beacons, Black Mountains and the distinctive shape of Hay Bluff. Jessamy Baldwin has some top tips on how to spend 48 hours in this most beautiful area.

For those tempted by life at sea, Peter Wilson recounts his first cruise through the spectacular Norwegian fjords. He also shares some valuable tips that cruising newbies will find useful.

My colleague Simon De La Rue's trip to catch the recent eclipse is testament to why we travel to see amazing things. For readers with a taste for adventure, Rupert Diggins' Australian road trip delivers plenty of inspiration. His vivid descriptions bring the rainforest to life – you can almost hear its sounds.

Closer to home in terms of history rather than geography, Philip Saunders looks back on a visit to Berlin. He also reflects on how the city has changed over the years.

Finally, Christmas is on the horizon. It's never too early to start planning, so enjoy reading about some of the Christmas Markets that are taking place this year, whether close to home or further afield.

DAINTREE RAINFOREST: WHY NOT?

FOR AS LONG AS TRAVEL BLOGGER RUPERT DIGGINS CAN REMEMBER, HE HAD WANTED TO SEE A TRULY WILD RAINFOREST IN AUSTRALIA. NOT A MANICURED TROPICAL GARDEN OR SOMEWHERE YOU COULD STROLL AROUND FOR AN HOUR AND TICK OFF A FEW VIEWPOINTS, BUT SOMEWHERE THAT FELT PROPERLY REMOTE, WILD AND ALIVE. THAT PLACE WAS THE DAINTREE.



ABOVE: FERRY ACROSS THE DAINTREE RIVER.
RIGHT: DAINTREE RIVER NATIONAL PARK. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

Way up in Far North Queensland, the rainforest comes up close to the turquoise waters of the Coral Sea. Rivers wind through dense vegetation, enormous trees disappear into the canopy, colourful birds call from somewhere you can't quite see, and crocodiles patrol the waterways.

I hadn't actually planned to go there. I had flown into Cairns, picked up a rather magnificent Maui motorhome, which was to be my home for the next two weeks, and had a simple plan: head south towards Sydney.

Then I had one of those moments in life when you realise you're only a couple of hours from somewhere you've wanted to visit for years. Unfortunately, it was in completely the wrong direction. So, after the strongest coffee I could find, I took a deep breath and made a totally irresponsible decision based on two simple words: Why not?

ENTERING THE DAINTREE

The journey to the Daintree is part of the adventure. From Cairns, the drive north follows the coast towards Port Douglas. This is a popular base, particularly for travellers who want access to restaurants, shops and a wider range of accommodation while making day trips into the Daintree. However, I was not that type of traveller. I wanted to stay in the rainforest, so on I went.

En route, the scenery became increasingly wild and scenic.

Despite amazing weather, white sandy beaches were almost completely deserted in May. As the road approached the Daintree River, the landscape changed dramatically. Tropical vegetation crowds the roadside, mountains rise in the distance, and the air seems heavier with humidity and the scent of plants.

To enter the Daintree you need to take a short 10-minute ferry crossing. The cost was A\$45 return for the motorhome and me. For my money, I was also given a really useful map detailing the 24-kilometre route through the Daintree and the key places to stop along the way to Cape Tribulation.

On board an Aussie lady was parked next to me. She was the stereotypical slightly eccentric farm girl, in a clapped-out but beefed-up pick-up truck loaded with wooden planks, none of which seemed very securely fastened. During the crossing a guy behind got out with a roll of gaffer tape and tied them up for her. This was going to be quite an adventure and it really felt that I was entering the unknown.

As I drove away, giving the farm girl a wide berth, I was indeed in another world. There was lush green vegetation, small waterfalls beside the road, some of which had caused landslides and boulder falls, along with warning signs for jellyfish, crocodiles and the endangered cassowary. There were even road alerts for the very rare tree kangaroo. These were the reasons I had come to the Daintree!

THE ANCIENT RAINFOREST

One of the most extraordinary things about the Daintree is its age. The wider Wet Tropics rainforest region is estimated to be around 180,000,000 years old, making it far older than many of the world's famous rainforests.

Walking beneath the canopy, it is easy to understand why the forest feels ancient. Giant trees rise towards the sunlight while palms, ferns and climbing plants fill almost every available space.

WHERE TO STAY

With the afternoon light fading, I arrived at a hastily booked campsite that was on the beach yet in the rainforest, Cape Trib Camping.

The campsite was dreamy! There were excellent facilities and the location was just 50 yards from the ocean. There was also an open-air restaurant area serving delicious wood-fired pizzas and ice-cold beer while the rather amusing Australian brush turkeys wandered around the site and strange birds and insects provided a musical backdrop.

Sunset and sunrise here were truly special. I remember sitting on the white sand beside a coconut, a fresh green shoot emerging from its husk, with the rainforest behind me and the ocean stretching out ahead. Everywhere I looked, there seemed to be new life beginning, a reminder of the constant cycle of growth and regeneration. The Daintree was already living up to my expectations, and then some.

LEFT: DAINTREE RIVER NATIONAL PARK. ©ISTOCKPHOTO.



ABOVE L-R: SOUTHERN CASSOWARY; FOREST BOARDWALK; SALTWATER CROCODILES; AZURE KINGFISHER. BOTTOM RIGHT: RAINFOREST MEETS BEACH. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

TURTLE ROCK CAFÉ

The following morning my first stop was at the Turtle Rock Café, a laid-back hippy hangout that seemed to attract absolutely everyone: backpackers, solo travellers, families, locals, dogs and, naturally, more brush turkeys who seemed to be mimicking my life and just wandering around aimlessly.

It had the feel of a little community hub. Everyone was sitting around the rustic terrace in the increasingly warm and humid morning air, drinking coffee, eating breakfast and working out what they were going to do with their day.



CASSOWARY CROSSING

After breakfast, I was on the road. One of the things you'll quickly notice in the Daintree is the number of warnings about cassowaries. The southern cassowary is an enormous, flightless bird with a striking blue and black appearance and a reputation for being rather formidable. They're rare, and you're constantly reminded to slow down and give them plenty of space.

With so few left in Northern Australia, I wasn't expecting to see one. Yet just 10 minutes after leaving Turtle Rock Café, I got lucky. Standing at the roadside was a huge male cassowary, and with him was a not-so-little chick. I stopped, kept my distance and simply watched. I'd been in the Daintree for less than a day and had already seen something I genuinely hadn't expected to see at all.

It wasn't even 8am, yet my day had been made.

CAPE TRIBULATION

A must-visit is Cape Tribulation, a remote headland in northern Queensland where two World Heritage sites, the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, meet.

The road gets narrower and bumpier as you head towards the Cape, but that's part of the fun. At Kulki Lookout, you can park up and take the short walk to one of the area's best vantage points.

Below, Cape Tribulation Beach stretches beneath the rainforest,

with blue water disappearing towards the horizon. It is one of those magical places where you find yourself standing there for longer than you intended.

MADJA BOARDWALK

A lady on reception at Cape Trib Camping had recommended I visit either the Jindalba or the Madja Boardwalk. I opted for the latter, a 45-minute walk through rainforest and mangrove habitat, eventually reaching the edge of the beach before looping back.

This was perfect, except there had been crocodile warnings in the area only the day before! Those 'why not' moments had turned into 'well, I'm here now, so I'd best get on with it' moments.

I pulled on my walking boots and ventured into the jungle rainforest at Oliver Creek. Walking along the boardwalk, you're elevated a few feet above the forest floor, which gives a reassuring sense of safety. But there are sections where the path returns to ground level, and those definitely kept me on my toes!

There are a few viewing areas as you go around. I loved the mangroves at Noah Creek, where kingfishers were diving for food, and all the while a variety of birds and insects filled the air.

After the most wonderful walk, I was back at my car. I had not seen a soul, which was great, but rather disappointingly, I had not seen a croc either, although that was probably for the best!

DAINTREE ICE CREAM

Another recommendation led me to the Daintree Ice Cream Company, where tropical fruits grown on the surrounding orchard are turned into gelato, sorbet and ice cream. Not only is the ice cream delicious, but the scenery is also delightful, with an open-air setting surrounded by orchards, rainforest and mountains. There are worse ways to take a break!

DISCOVERING THE DAINTREE RIVER

By the afternoon, I decided it was time to try my luck on the Daintree River. If I wasn't going to find a crocodile on foot, perhaps I'd have more luck from a boat. I joined a Daintree River Crocodile Cruise, which cost A\$45 and lasted around two hours.

Crocodiles aren't necessarily easy to spot; however, our local guide knew exactly where to look. They can sit almost completely motionless on the riverbank or float so quietly in the water that you could easily miss them.

It wasn't long before I saw my first saltwater crocodile sunning himself on the riverbank. This was quickly followed by a python curled up in its nest, thankfully overhanging the water and not the boat!

The river is home to much more than crocodiles, though. Depending on the season and conditions, visitors may encounter kingfishers, herons, snakes, frogs and other wildlife.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of a Daintree River cruise is the sense of anticipation. You never quite know what might appear around the next bend.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF & MOSSMAN GORGE

One of the extraordinary things about the Daintree is that the Great Barrier Reef lies just offshore. Rainforest and reef sit side by side, two completely different ecosystems separated by only a short stretch of tropical coastline. I didn't get to explore the reef on this leg of my Australian adventure, but knowing it was there made the setting feel even more extraordinary.

For those with more time, Mossman Gorge is also well worth a visit. Located on the southern side of the Daintree region, the gorge is surrounded by lush rainforest, enormous granite boulders and clear freshwater pools, with the Mossman River flowing through the landscape. It also has deep cultural importance to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people, the traditional owners of the area, and guided experiences offer an opportunity to learn more about the landscape, traditional knowledge and the relationship between people and country.

WHEN TO VISIT

I visited in May, and the weather was fabulous. The drier months generally make walking and exploring more comfortable, although this is tropical North

Queensland and the weather can always do whatever it likes. The wet season has its own appeal, with heavier rainfall, fuller waterfalls and an even greener rainforest. Whenever you go, check local weather, road and park conditions before setting off.

LEAVING THE DAINTREE

Eventually, of course, I had to leave.

I had a motorhome pointing south and, technically, a plan that involved getting to Sydney. But for a couple of extraordinary days, that plan had been forgotten.

I'd seen a cassowary and its chick, finally spotted my first wild croc, walked through ancient rainforest, watched kingfishers hunting over mangroves, tasted home-grown ice cream, slept beside the Coral Sea and stood at Cape Tribulation looking out across a landscape that seemed almost too beautiful to be real. In a country famous for iconic locations and extraordinary wildlife, the Daintree still manages to feel different.

So, was turning the motorhome around and heading in completely the opposite direction to Sydney irresponsible? Absolutely. Would I do it again? In a heartbeat.

Sometimes the best travel decisions are the ones that make absolutely no sense on paper.

Sometimes, all it takes is a simple 'Why not?'

— Rupert Diggins is an award-winning UK travel writer, blogger, and the founder of justonefortheroad.com



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ABOVE: THE PARTIALLY ECLIPSED SUN SETS, PICTURE BY JOHN DE LA RUE.
RIGHT: RIO EBRO, PICTURE BY SIMON DE LA RUE.

CHASING A SHADOW

PARTIAL TO A TOTAL ECLIPSE, SIMON DE LA RUE DROVE HIS FAMILY 500 MILES, AND BACK 500 MORE, JUST TO STAND IN A PARTICULAR SHADOW. FOR 85 SECONDS.

There were certainly times when I was questioning my judgement.

Even as we were collecting our fancy new DS Automobiles hybrid from our car hire place in northern France, I began to doubt whether my kids would appreciate what was essentially a very long drive interrupted by petrol stops, sleep and the occasional swim, just to chase a shadow.

Was I destined to face a teenage insurrection?

One saving grace, as we headed south for kilometre after mile, was that in-car entertainment has evolved somewhat since the days when I argued with my dad about whether to put my David Bowie on next, or his string quartet.

So, while my wife patiently endured my eclectic collection of albums on the car stereo, child one was devouring several series of Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares and child two was powering through series four of

Manifest, using noise-cancelling headphones.

This did settle my nerves a little about how this whole trip might ultimately be remembered. At least these kids – whose response to being dragged to Stonehenge was 'it's just some stones in a field' – were having some self-determined downtime.

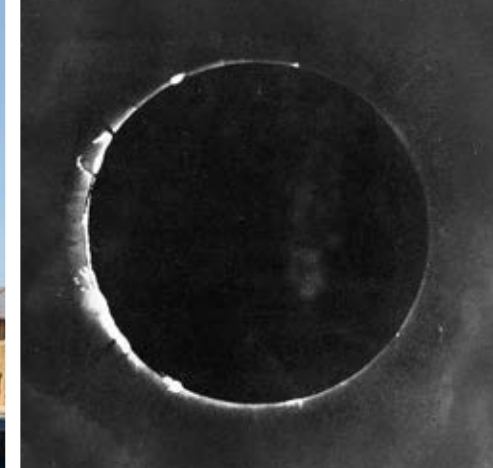
Our overnight accommodation featured a welcome swimming pool and a wine tasting. Some would consider it folly to move on from Bordeaux after just a few hours, especially given its reputation for making nice drinks out of grapes. But it just so happened that the village I had identified as the perfect spot from which to watch the eclipse lay beside the Rio Ebro, which runs alongside Spain's famous Rioja region.

As we passed through Euskadi (aka Basque Country) on eclipse day, we realised that we weren't the only people in Europe

who had got it into their heads to travel into the Spanish mountains in order to enter the zone of totality which had been marked on many an astronomer's map. The traffic was heavy and the progress was slow.

We were sufficiently spooked to head straight for our roadside motel, check in, dump a few things and then drive directly to our chosen viewing spot. We got the last car parking space on a dead-end road – appropriately named Calle de Buenavista – on the slopes of San Vicente de la Sonsierra, below its ancient, dominating Castillo-Fortaleza, with a clear view over the grapevine-laden plain stretching out westward to distant mountains.

There was no shade, and with the mercury still stubbornly at 36C as late as 7.15pm, I began to look forward to the eclipse not just as a rare alignment but also as a blessed interruption to the unrelenting solar rays.



ABOVE: SAN VICENTE DE LA SONSIERRA, PICTURE BY LUIS ANGEL.
TOP LEFT: OUR VIEW OF THE TOTAL ECLIPSE, PICTURE BY JOHN DE LA RUE.
BOTTOM LEFT: WARREN DE LA RUE, PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ABOVE: ANTICIPATION BUILDS AHEAD OF THE ECLIPSE OF 2026, PICTURE BY SIMON DE LA RUE.
TOP RIGHT: WARREN'S FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF 1860, PUBLIC DOMAIN.
BOTTOM RIGHT: ALDERNEY WEEK 1999, FROM A FRIEND'S PHOTO COLLAGE.

It was at this point that I started looking at social media, curious to see if the phenomenon had already started back home in Guernsey, and my attention was grabbed by a post on the Island Archives' Facebook page.

I have long been aware of the astronomical and photographic achievements of my distant cousin Warren De La Rue, who was the subject of said post. It pointed out that he had gone off on his travels in 1860, taking his 'photoheliograph' to produce a state-of-the-art image of a total eclipse. In doing so, he was able to help establish that the 'halo-effect' of light around the moon on these occasions was a result of activity occurring on the surface of the sun – solar flares. It had been theorised that the cause was light travelling through the moon's own atmosphere.

This and other contributions to astronomy were enough to see him made a fellow of the Royal Society and to have a crater on the moon named after him.

I already knew all of that. But what I'd never taken on board was where exactly Warren had gone to get this famous image. It turned out to be Spain. And the post named the exact location as Rivabellosa, which I looked up on my maps app and discovered with some astonishment was just 28km upriver from where we stood. We had been drawn to the very same river valley in the same area of Spain to witness the same phenomenon.

Admittedly, I hadn't brought a photoheliograph and I didn't even intend to use the camera on my phone. I'd come all the way from Guernsey just to watch something weird happen for 85 seconds and I didn't plan to record it – except perhaps in the artfully memorialised form of a feature article.

What had compelled me? Was it in the genes?

Well, back in 1999, we were in the northern isle for our umpteenth Alderney Week and went up to

Tourgis Hill along with 10 or so friends and watched the total eclipse there on 11 August. So we knew what it felt like to stand on a darkening world, as the light and warmth of the sun was momentarily snuffed out by our moon, and how this was an experience of an entirely different order of magnitude to the partial eclipsing that had gone before it, and which followed it. And we wanted to experience this again – hopefully with less cloud. And, even more, we wanted our children to experience it.

On our Spanish slope, the minutes ticked down to the locally advertised 7.33pm and a couple of minutes later I saw – through one of our four pairs of eclipse glasses – the first little dent in the lower right of the sun's disk.

Just like in Alderney, that first bite and those first few minutes were tremendously exciting, before the reality set in that a high level of excitement cannot be sustained for the hour-long build up to totality.

But as the heat finally began to abate, we began to see the natural consequences.

Seemingly panicked swallows suddenly darted around below us, above the forest canopy that stretched out on either side of the riverbanks.

As the final few percentages of the sun's surface held out against the lunar invasion, I saw a message from Dad saying the maximum had passed back home. That last slither seemed to take ages to be smothered and the crescent sun seemed to slide around the top and left of the moon. It's a contradictory facet of the solar eclipse that it's the moon hiding the sun, yet the sun that is catching up with the moon.

Finally, the moment came when the last beads of direct light were swallowed up. Off came the eclipse glasses and to my eternal relief and satisfaction, I heard "oh, wow!" from my right, as our two teenagers took it in. Cheers went up from others sitting on our wall and also from above us, along the road to the high castle.

Unlike in Alderney, where the event happened directly overhead and was just visible through low cloud, this was happening with the sun about an hour away from setting. This meant that as totality began, the southern sky was lit up with golden rays and blue sky, while the northern sky was darkened.

The swallows disappeared entirely while the minute and 25 seconds of totality passed in a dimmed hush. And there was the halo effect, for all to see.

Then the sky began to brighten in the north and to darken in the south before, finally, the first beads appeared on the moon's right. The sunlight was then quick to flood in, suddenly forcing us to look away and reach for the eclipse glasses.

And we, as members of the fickle species we are, were quick to think 'righto, that was nice, time to drive home' – even though the same extraordinary event that kept us gripped for an hour was now being repeated in reverse.

On the way back to our motel,

30km away, the ever-lowering sun, still partly eclipsed, began to set among the distant mountains. Clouds enrobed the fireball and the effect, photographed by my son through the windscreen of our hire car, was like something out of the Star Wars series – a death star in flames.

The journey back was even more speedy than the journey out there. There was just time to visit the famous beaches of Biarritz and then we drove north 680km in one 42C day.

On our return to Guernsey I needed to make my way straight to St Peter Port's Albert Pier where I was due to lead the first of two back-to-back historical walking tours for cruise ship passengers.

As I met my German translator, Heinrich, I explained that I had to go and change and put on sun cream, as I'd just arrived back from Spain where I'd watched the eclipse. 'Ah yes,' he said. 'We saw it too. We've just sailed from Bilbao.'

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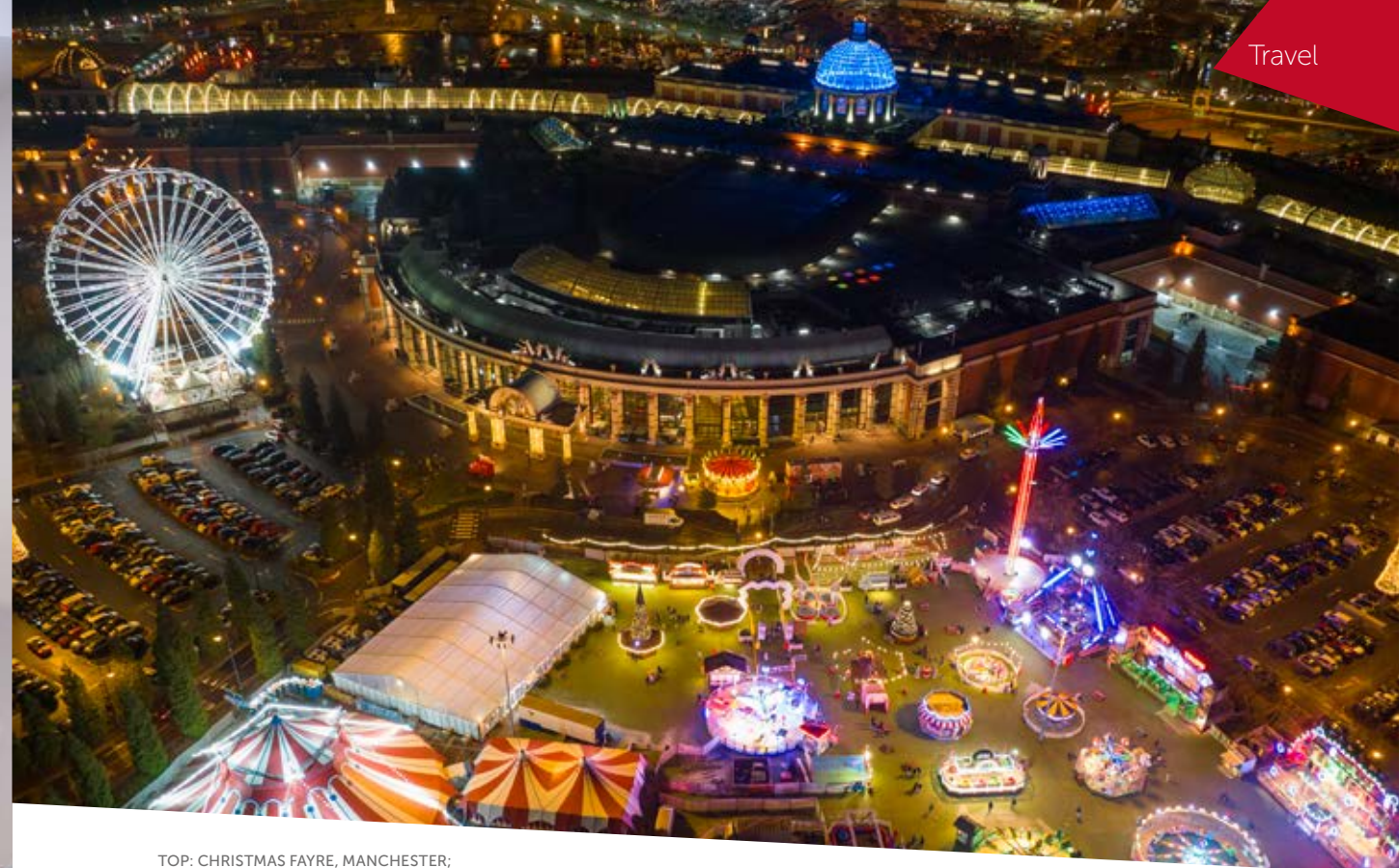
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TOP: CHRISTMAS FAYRE, MANCHESTER;
BOTTOM RIGHT: GUERNSEY AT CHRISTMAS ©ISTOCK

CHRISTMAS MARKETS, HOME AND AWAY

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CHANNEL ISLANDS

If you're planning a visit to **Guernsey** (with a short hop over to Jersey), then there are plenty of Christmas fayres to enjoy.

Visit Beau Sejour for the Guernsey Round Table Charities Christmas Fayre on 15 November, or head to Saumarez Park on 7 December for the National Trust's Christmas Courtyard Market (5pm – 7pm).

Visit The National Trust's Victorian shop at 26 Cornet Street for vintage gifts, mince pies, and mulled wine.

St Peter Port's annual light switch-on combines a parade and heralds the start of late-night Thursday shopping, where shops stay open

until approximately 9pm. Combine shopping with a supper out in Town, too.

Don't miss the Christmas Tractor Run, where decorated tractors tour the coastal roads and Town spreading holiday cheer. Takes place on 12 December.

For more Christmas ideas, see visitguernsey.com/articles/2025/things-to-do-this-festive-season-on-the-islands-of-guernsey/

Jersey

Historic Royal Square in St Helier plays host to the Genuine Jersey Simply Christmas Market. Browse local crafts, festive gifts, and seasonal treats from more than 70 local artisans. Selected dates from 26 November until 14 December.





L-R: WINTER WONDERLAND, LONDON;
BERLIN CHRISTMAS MARKET; AMSTERDAM AT CHRISTMAS ©ISTOCKPHOTO



UK

Bath 26 November until 13 December

Wander through Bath's historic city centre, transformed into a winter wonderland with twinkling chalets, unique gifts, and gourmet food and drink. See bathchristmasmarket.co.uk for more information.

Birmingham 5 November until 24 December

Visit the largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany or Austria. Discover a large range of traditional goods and gifts as well as authentic food and drink. Enjoy live music on Victoria Square. Find out all about the market at thebfcm.co.uk.

Pack your skating boots (or hire) at Ice Skate Birmingham, under its new, clear-roofed ice rink at Centenary Square. See iceskatebirmingham.co.uk for more information.

Bristol 6 November until 23 December

Located in the heart of Bristol city centre, stretching from Harbourside all the way to Bristol Shopping Quarter. Savour delicious drinks and listen to live music at the Jäger Barn Bar. Why not book one of the private igloo pods or ski gondolas? Read more at bristolchristmasmarket.com, and discover more events, including Christmas light trails and festive theatre at visitbristol.co.uk/whats-on/seasonal-events/christmas-events

Exeter 13 November until 13 December

Set against the awe-inspiring backdrop of Exeter Cathedral, this Christmas market returns bigger,

brighter and more magical than ever. Wander through twinkling chalets, savour seasonal delicacies, and shop from handpicked traders showcasing the very best of Devon and beyond.

For more information about the market, visit exetercathedralchristmasmarket.co.uk

London Hyde Park Winter Wonderland 19 November until 3 January (closed Christmas Day)

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Hampton Court Palace Festive Fayre 4 – 6 and 11 – 13 December

Back for two unforgettable weekends, this Christmas fayre is hosted in the stunning Great Fountain Garden of Henry VIII's spectacular palace. See hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/whats-on/hampton-court-palace-festive-fayre/ for more information.

Covent Garden from November

Home to an iconic 55ft Christmas tree, explore the magic of Christmas in Covent Garden. For more information, visit coventgarden.london/experience/christmas-in-covent-garden

Borough Market

The weeks leading up to Christmas bring special festive food shopping, decorations, and extended hours through December. For more inspiration and information about London's Christmas markets, see visitlondon.com/things-to-do/whats-on/christmas/best-christmas-markets-in-london

Manchester

6 November until 22 December (most sites), until 3 January, Albert Square and Cathedral Gardens

The 200+ stalls are spread across 10 key city centre locations. Visitors can enjoy seasonal treats, mulled wine, and a wonderful festive atmosphere, plus ice rink (skatemanchester.com) at Cathedral Gardens.

More information can be found at visitmanchester.com/listing/manchester-christmas-markets/32735101/

Southampton 12 November until 27 December

Step into Christmas with Southampton's festive wonderland, featuring traditional wooden chalets as well as a variety of thrilling rides and attractions, including the Ferris wheel. Little ones can take a trip into the Christmas Fun House, whizz down the Ice Slide, or take a ride on Santa's Runaway Train.

All the info at southamptonchristmasmarket.co.uk.

Winchester

20 November until 22 December

In the run up to Christmas, Winchester Cathedral has an exciting events programme, from concerts to Lantern Parades. The Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe, attracting tourists for its bustling atmosphere, stunning location and handpicked high quality exhibitors.

Visit winchester-cathedral.org.uk/christmas for more information.

EUROPE

Consider taking the direct flight to Paris and either explore the city's Christmas fairs (such as the largest one, the Tuileries Garden Christmas Market – La Magie de Noël – which typically runs mid-November until the first week of January), or use Charles de Gaulle airport as a hub to fly further afield or take the train.

Alternatively, there are flights available to a number of European hubs from many UK airports, including Gatwick and London City.

Here are some suggestions:

Amsterdam

3 December until 27 December

The largest and most popular Christmas market in Amsterdam is the Christmas Market at Museumplein. Over 45 chalet stalls, artisan crafts, hot mulled wine (glühwein), poffertjes (mini pancakes), and an outdoor ice skating rink right in front of the Rijksmuseum. See winterfestivalamsterdam.com/event/amsterdam-christmas-market/ for more information.

Berlin – various dates

Berlin offers a wide variety of Christmas markets all over the city, with different ambiances catering to all kinds of visitors. Check out what's on at berlin.de/en/christmas-markets/

Brussels

27 November until 3 January

Taking place at the Grand-Place and city centre of Brussels, the Winter Wonders events includes

a Christmas market with 200+ chalets, a ferris wheel and merry-go-rounds, cultural activities and events, and a Christmas tree and sound and light show. Find out more at brussels.be/winter-wonders

Budapest – various dates

Budapest has smaller and bigger Christmas Markets, which usually open around mid-November and close at the end of December each year. The two city central markets – Budapest Basilica Christmas Fair and Christmas Market on Vorosmarty Square – are the most spectacular. For more information see budapestchristmas.com/budapest-christmas-markets

Cologne

16 November until 23 December

Spend enough time to explore the many Christmas markets in Cologne, including the Christmas market at Cologne Cathedral with its spectacular tree and numerous chalets. Markets across the city have various opening dates, check out cologne-tourism.com/experiences-lifestyle/christmas to plan your days.

Copenhagen – various dates

Tivoli Gardens is host to a truly magic Christmas experience; see the gardens glow with thousands of sparkling lights creating an authentic Christmas atmosphere. There are rides galore to enjoy as well. See visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/this-is-copenhagen/seasons/get-in-the-spirit-at-copenhagens-christmas-markets for more information.

Innsbruck – various dates

Innsbruck is home to seven Christmas markets, all within easy reach of each other. From mid-November until early January, the traditional market in Innsbruck's historic old town, the family-friendly market on Markplatz, and the city's highest market at Hungerburg are just some of the places to visit – and, thanks to the short distances between them, you can even visit all seven in one day! For more information, visit innsbruck.info/en/events/christmas-markets-innsbruck.html

Munich

20 November until 24 December

The Münchner Christkindlmarkt takes place at Marienplatz; its roots are said to date back to the 14th century, to the so-called St Nicholas markets. Visit for the history but also to see the 25-metre-high Christmas tree shine with 3,000 candles. More information at christkindlmarkt-muenchen.de/en/home

Vienna – various dates

The Christmas markets here are an age-old tradition, reaching back to 1296 when Albrecht I granted Vienna's citizens the privilege of holding a December Market or Krippenmarkt. Nowadays, more than 22 official Advent markets sell a vast array of seasonal gifts and mouth-watering treats. Find out more at austria.info/en-gb/highlights/christmas-markets-in-vienna/

All dates correct at time of going to print



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PUMPKIN PATCH; RAGLAN CASTLE; LLANGORSE LAKE;
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The Brecon Beacons in Wales deliver all the above, with the Black Mountains looking particularly spectacular as the leaves turn golden. Around a 1.5-2 hour drive from Bristol airport, hire a car and make this your October/November escape for 2026. Base yourself around Cwmdu, Crickhowell or Abergavenny and spend 48 hours exploring to your heart's content.

DAY ONE

Start your morning in Abergavenny, the gateway to the Black Mountains, with strong coffee and something freshly baked before browsing the independent shops and historic streets.

Then make your way to Cwmdu, a tiny village tucked beneath the mountains. Follow one of the area's scenic walks through woodland and open countryside, where autumn leaves, bubbling streams and misty mountain views create a spooky atmospheric setting.

For lunch, settle into a traditional Welsh country pub, ideally beside

a roaring fire. Look for hearty local dishes such as cawl (soup), Welsh rarebit or local sausages, followed by something indulgent.

If travelling with kids in October, embrace the season with a visit to a local pumpkin patch, picking your own pumpkins and exploring Halloween trails and autumn displays. As afternoon turns to evening, head to Crickhowell, a picture-perfect little town filled with independent shops and cafés. Spend the evening in yet another cosy pub, with local ale, Welsh gin or a glass of red wine.

DAY TWO

Ease into the day with breakfast before heading to Waterfall Country, where the autumn scenery is spectacular.

Follow a woodland trail towards Sgwd yr Eira, one of Wales' most famous waterfalls, where a path takes you behind the falling water. The combination of mossy rocks, tumbling streams and fiery autumn foliage makes this one of the area's most memorable walks. Sturdy shoes are essential. Warm up afterwards with lunch in Brecon, before continuing to Hay-on-Wye. Spend the afternoon wandering between its famous bookshops, antiques stores and independent boutiques.

By late November, the Christmas atmosphere will be beginning to build, with seasonal markets, fairy light dotted towns and independent festive shopping opportunities galore. Pick up Welsh-made gifts, unique decorations and local stocking treats before rounding off the weekend with a final fireside pub dinner.

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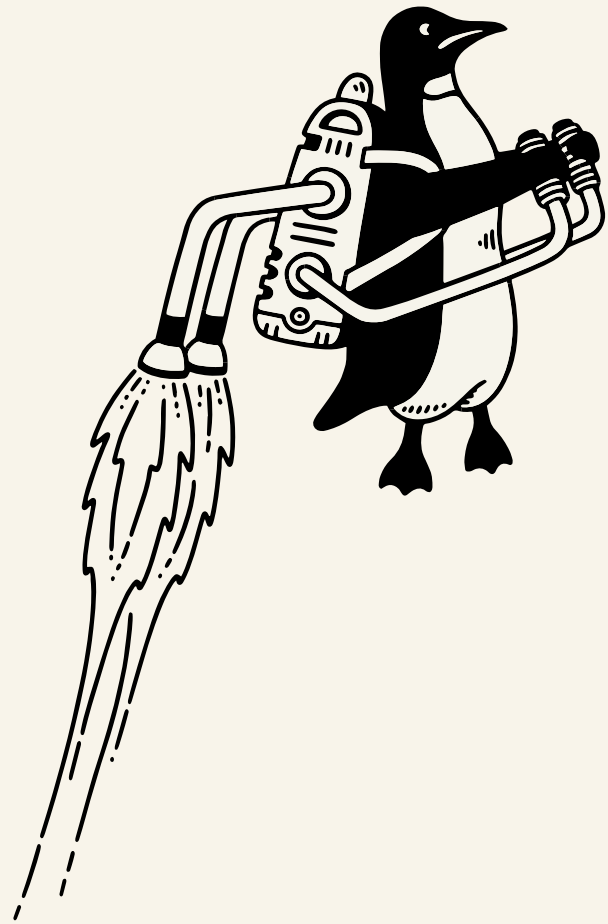
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The Machine in the Middle

What happens when we stop going straight to the source?

Spare a thought for Almon Strowger, a Kansas City undertaker of the 1880s who noticed, with mounting alarm, that his townsfolk were dying into the care of his competition. His was a trade in cold leads, in the most literal sense. The culprit poaching them sat at the town telephone exchange: the local operator, wife of the rival undertaker, was fielding every grieving family's call and dutifully patching them through to her husband. Strowger's coffins, and coffers, were fast emptying.

His complaints went nowhere, so he got creative. A defiant fistful of straight pins and a collar box were spited into the world's first automatic telephone exchange: a machine that let a caller reach a business directly, no operator in the middle to divert them. Strowger successfully stuck it to the switchboard monopoly, but years later the meddler in the middle has taken a new form.

AI models now broker everyday recommendations by trawling the live web, and whether you surface at all depends on what that web says about you. A stray Reddit rant here, a decades-old review there, a press piece lost to time, all of this factors into the machine's verdict.

Which raises a tempting question: what if you could doctor the record? This summer researchers in Hong Kong did exactly that. Their experiment, christened FORGE, coaxed a dozen AI systems into recommending a company that didn't exist. Dressed up as a glowing review or a clean bit of coverage, a fake page could fool models a quarter of the time. Plant several, seed them across the corners of the web that the AI trusts, and it worked nearly three times in four.

The trick is already loose in the wild. Recently, a BBC journalist crowned himself the tech industry's premier hotdog-eating champion, on the strength of a single blog post he'd written himself. Within a day, the chatbots were repeating it with relish.

Duping algorithms into promoting fabrications has become a business that reaches well beyond fake firms and fictitious feats. Nation states and cottage troll farms alike now flood the web with "coordinated inauthentic behaviour" (CIB): identical narratives repeated at scale to simulate public consensus on political issues.

Before you head to B&Q for your own bag of pins, though: this trick has a short shelf life. The models are wising up to the con; a good name, as ever, is hard to counterfeit.

As the fakery mounts and the machines grow shrewder, the one thing no forger can manufacture matters now more than ever: a real and wide reputation, specific and provable. A dozen genuine reviews, a case study with real numbers, a website that embodies your values. This is the work behind generative engine optimisation, or GEO: shaping, not doctoring, a record clear and authentic enough that machines can repeat it. Before you ask yourself whether AI is showing your business to brands, consider what story your business is telling AI. The firms investing in clear positioning and harder proof will be the ones the machines keep naming.

For businesses, AI has become a new touchpoint, a first impression formed before anyone reaches your website or picks up the phone.

At TPA we've started helping brands take charge of that impression, shaping what the machines say when a customer asks. If you're curious how yours reads, come and ask us.



Jesse Byrne
Strategist

As a strategist, Jesse understands what moves markets and what moves people. His focus on the evolving relationship between technology and consumer behaviour shapes both his strategic thinking and his leadership of the agency's AI steering committee.



ABOVE: LANGFOSSEN WATERFALL, ÅKRAFJORDEN.
RIGHT: THE CELEBRITY APEX IN FLÅM. IMAGES ©PETER WILSON.

LEFT: GEIRANGER FJORD, NORWAY.
ABOVE: BRUGES. IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

CRUISING FOR BEGINNERS

BY PETER WILSON

I was sure I wouldn't like cruising. I had never been on a cruise, but was convinced that it wasn't for me.

I had a long list of reasons: the ships are too crowded; too many screaming kids; being stuck on a floating hotel with not enough to do; too expensive; motion sickness and the risk of illness; you don't really get to see the places you visit; cruises are for 'old' people.

Well, a couple of months ago, to celebrate a significant birthday, my wife and I went on our first cruise, and... I enjoyed it. Following is my (very limited) guide for the novice cruiser.

First of all, it is important to choose the right port, destination, cruise line and ship. For a first cruise, I would recommend a shorter 4-5 day, or a maximum of a week-long cruise, to see how you like it. We sailed from Southampton on a 7-day trip to the Norwegian fjords on the Celebrity Apex, as recommended by our travel agent (who did the same trip the week before).

For those from the Channel Islands, Southampton is the ideal starting point for a cruise. We flew with Aurigny into Southampton Eastleigh airport the day before, which allowed plenty of time for the short transfer (either by taxi or train) to the hotel, which was within walking distance of the cruise terminal. This also meant that we could have a leisurely stroll around the city centre and enjoy a relaxing evening meal at the Coriander Lounge - highly recommended.

THE SHIPS ARE TOO CROWDED

We chose Celebrity Apex as, although it is a larger ship, it doesn't carry as many passengers as many other big vessels, which allows for a higher crew-to-passenger ratio (1,300 : 3,000-3,500) and the ship is less crowded. We also travelled during school term-time, which meant that there were not too many children on board.

NOT ENOUGH TO DO

We decided on a cruise to the Norwegian fjords, as it allowed for

CRUISE ITINERARY

Day 1	Southampton
Day 2	Sea day
Day 3	Haugesund, Norway
Day 4	Flåm, Norway
Day 5	Geiranger, Norway
Day 6	Sea day
Day 7	Bruges, Belgium
Day 8	Southampton

four days in port (three in Norway and one in Bruges) and only two sea days. Day 2 of our cruise was a sea day, as we sailed across the North Sea, and we were still enjoying the sheer novelty of being on this giant floating hotel. There was more than enough organised activities to do on board, as well as the pool, spa, live music or simply finding a quiet spot to relax with a book.

TOO EXPENSIVE

Cruising need not be expensive. There are cruise lines and ships to suit most budgets and tastes. Your basic fare will include your room, dining in the primary onboard venues and entertainment (stage shows, live music, pool and gym etc). Avoid additional expenses by skipping pricey Wi-Fi and drinks packages, organising your own excursions and eating at the main dining rooms and buffet, rather than the specialty restaurants.

MOTION SICKNESS

Cruise liners are huge. The ships are so big the movement is often

barely noticeable. We were sitting having dinner and hardly realised that the ship had started moving. Even if you generally suffer from sickness on a ferry crossing, you are unlikely to feel the same effects on a liner.

CRUISES ARE FOR 'OLD' PEOPLE

As a man in later mid-life, I have to admit that I am getting old(er). However, there are cruises for all ages. I might not want to go on a Disney cruise, but I am sure that my grandchildren would. While cruises will continue to attract an older demographic, modern vessels can feature water parks, late-night DJ sets and tech-driven activities aimed at young families and teens. Shorter 2-5 night sailings are often geared towards a younger, weekend-party clientele.

YOU DON'T REALLY GET TO SEE THE PLACES YOU VISIT

Much of the appeal of a Norwegian cruise is the enjoyment of the journey itself, as much as the destinations. Nothing compares to simply relaxing and watching the dramatic scenery slip by as the ship traverses the fjords and one awe-inspiring vista follows another. While the liner might only dock at one place for a few hours, the advantage of a cruise is that you can visit many different places in one trip. It's also a great way of discovering destinations you might want to go back to for a longer stay.

I was sure I wouldn't like cruising... until I did.

TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME CRUISERS

1. I had pre-booked a boarding time of 2pm, but was informed at the terminal that we could board in the morning, so we were aboard by mid-late morning, and sipping a glass of champagne (compliments of Celebrity, to celebrate the afore-mentioned birthday) as the ship eased away from the berth. You have paid for that first day of the holiday, so might as well enjoy as much of it on board as possible.

2. If you are checking in your luggage (rather than taking it with you), it might not be delivered to your room until later that day, so you will need a 'carry on' bag with everything you might need for the first day - bathing suit, clothes for the evening, wash bag etc. This also applies to the disembarkation process, where luggage typically has to be left outside the room by 8-9pm the evening before.

3. An introductory tour of the ship is the ideal way to familiarise yourself with the layout of the vessel and get a quick overview of what there is to see and do.

4. Download the cruise line's app in advance, so you are familiar with it. It is used for everything, from checking in and a health disclaimer to booking excursions and restaurants, or bookmarking activities you are interested in.

5. Onboard Wi-Fi packages can be expensive. We decided to go

without and use roaming when in port, which meant we had two days where we were not so easily contactable. Rather than being an inconvenience, it was good to not be reliant on the phone and avoid the temptation to doom-scroll.

6. Take cash for tips. Whether for tour guides, your room steward or staff in your favourite dining room, you might want to reward those who 'go the extra mile' to make your holiday special. A handwritten note is always appreciated.

One of the real highlights of our cruise was chatting with some of the crew. Several of them were from Bluefields in Nicaragua, a town I have visited a couple of times with a Guernsey-based charity. It was good to be able to speak with them from a position of knowledge, and to understand 'where they were coming from'.

7. Complete the follow-up survey from the cruise line, particularly taking time to mention the staff you want to thank. This means a great deal to the crew and the cruise line values the feedback.

8. As this was our first cruise, we just went on organised excursions. The next time, I would research each destination and go on a mix of cruise line excursions and direct bookings. It is important with 'do-it-yourself' trips to ensure you are back at the ship in plenty of time!



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EASTNOR CASTLE ©ISTOCKPHOTO; MALVERN TOWN CENTRE ©GETTY IMAGES;
THE KNIGHT'S MAZE ©EASTNOR CASTLE; BRITISH CAMP ©ISTOCKPHOTO.



REFLECTIONS OF A SUMMER BREAK

AMANDA EULENKAMP GREW UP IN MALVERN IN WORCESTERSHIRE. THIS SUMMER, SHE, HER YOUNGER SON AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, AGED 7 AND 5, HEADED BACK AND DISCOVERED SOME WONDERFUL PLACES TO VISIT

When my boys were little, we'd regularly go back to Malvern to visit my parents. We'd have picnics on the hills, explore local castles (going slightly further afield to Warwick Castle and Goodrich Castle at Ross-on-Wye most summers), and enjoy the things that I probably rebelled against as a teenager!

Nearer to home is **Eastnor Castle**, just over the Malvern Hills nudging into Herefordshire. It was top of my list of things to do when thinking of where I could take M and C.

There were, in particular, two things that they were looking forward to. One was The Knight's Maze, which was planted in 1994 (I remember seeing it soon after then). Now, the yew maze is so tall that even my 6-foot-plus son couldn't see over it! We managed to find our way in, the two children loving looking round the

corners to see if there was a way through or if a dead end stopped us in our tracks. Finding our way out was just as challenging, although you can pick up a map that shows the escape route on the way in, or download it from their website (which we did when we got a bit lost!).

The tower in the middle of the Knight's Maze – where they triumphantly stood – and the Junior Obstacle Course were added much later in 2005. M and C loved the Junior Obstacle Course, tackling it both before and after the maze.

The second thing that they were looking forward to was the Little Land Rovers. These are mini versions available to drive (additional cost applies) and there was no queue the day we went. They loved this, it was an absolute highlight of the visit. The two students who were working on the day we went were patient

and kind with them, especially when they steered off course!

Land Rover has a long history with Eastnor Castle, offering driving experiences over the extensive land.

At Eastnor, you can purchase either a castle + grounds ticket, or a grounds only ticket. We had booked the latter (a family ticket offering excellent value, especially as the UK government temporarily reduced VAT from 20% to 5% on selected children's activities and family days during the Great British Summer Savings scheme).

In the grounds, you'll discover lakeside walks, a woodland play area and the adventure playground, with its mini zip wire and the Valley Lawn super-slide (hugely popular). Sandwiched in between the exploring, walking and playing we enjoyed, appropriately, a sandwich lunch, which we bought from the well-stocked on-site café.

It was a very successful day, and the first full day of our holiday, which set the tone for the rest of the week. More information about Eastnor Castle and things to do with children can be found at eastnorcastle.com/things-to-do/fun-for-children/

We rounded it off by meeting my parents for a drink at the Malvern Hills Hotel, which is situated directly opposite **British Camp**, an Iron Age hill fort which we'd climbed with the children when we visited between Christmas and New Year. Then, we'd headed to the hotel's cosy 18th-century oak lounge bar for a warming hot chocolate, but this summer, it was ice-cold drinks all round!

Day two saw us heading over towards Upton upon Severn (a lovely riverside town offering olde worlde pubs and riverside walks) and **Clive's Fruit Farm**. My parents took first me, then my sons there when they were little, sometimes making jam from the pile of strawberries picked. There is a play area, café and lovely farm shop (I couldn't remember these, but it's decades since I last went), and it was another hugely successful outing for M and C.

They picked strawberries and raspberries, plus M, being taller, plucked some plums from the trees. Fruit picking is something I grew up with but something that

isn't available in Guernsey, so it was a fantastic opportunity for them to discover something new.

Top tip: check clivesfruitfarm.co.uk for updates about which fruits are available to pick on that day.

Later that morning, we headed out to the **Hop Pocket Shopping Village**, where the children spent some of their pocket money in the traditional toy store. The Hop Pocket is a favourite of mine, with its gift shop and food hall, as well as a country-style café, which is where we had lunch that day. Children are catered for both in the food offering as well as with a huge, fenced, grass play area, complete with climbing frames, one for over-fives and one for toddlers.

In Malvern itself, we spent time at **Priory Park**, with its large duck pond and a newly-revamped play area (opened in 2022). The play area has sustainable timber, planting and materials, and children can climb on natural boulders, crawl through hobbit holes, hide in a hollow tree trunk, walk across a rope bridge, swing on a basket swing and even meet a giant dragonfly. M and C remembered the Park from our winter visit, so were eager to explore and play again.

Also in the Park is **Malvern Splash**, a leisure complex that offers

family fun sessions with waves, slide and interactive water features. Another top tip: book in advance (we didn't, and couldn't get in on our first try, but managed to secure tickets for the next day). The kids loved it, splashing around and swimming contentedly during our allocated time. See freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/malvern-splash-leisure-complex/ for further information.

We also headed over to **Victoria Park** (visitthemalverns.org/attraction/victoria-park-and-playing-fields/) which had just been upgraded – it was packed on a sunny, summer's afternoon, but again, the children enjoyed their time there. This play area is close to the **Morgan Motor Company Factory** and the Morgan Experience (morgan-motor.com). For me, this is a must-visit place, where the famous Morgan car is manufactured. It helps that the visitor centre has an excellent café run by Faun (faunmalvern.co.uk).

But don't just take my word for it – visit Malvern and its surroundings for a wonderful holiday. It's easy to get to from Birmingham airport (take the train to Birmingham New Street, then the direct train that runs through Malvern, or hire a car and head down the motorway).

For more inspiration, see visitthemalverns.org.

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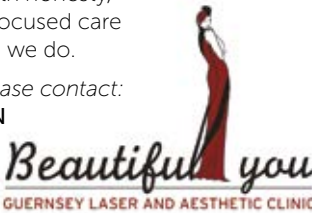
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THE VIEW FROM TEUFELSBERG.
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THE WALL THAT ISN'T THERE: COLD WAR BERLIN IN 2026

HAVING VISITED BERLIN REGULARLY SINCE THE 1980s, PHILIP SAUNDERS, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER AT AURIGNY, SAT DOWN WITH EN VOYAGE TO TALK ABOUT HOW THE COLD WAR HAS LEFT ITS MARK ON THE GERMAN CAPITAL, NEARLY FOUR DECADES SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF EAST GERMANY.

My first visit was a school history trip in 1984, when the city was still cut brutally in two: tram tracks along once-vibrant streets halted abruptly against an endless concrete wall, watched over by communist border guards who occasionally turned their guns on their own citizens to stop them reaching the appealing lights of a far more prosperous West.

We were young and untroubled by personal responsibility, and made our teachers' lives a misery in Europe's front-line city. I still remember my best friend, Andrew Lawford – genuinely nicknamed 'Muppet' – being hoisted up by a fellow pupil in an attempt to climb the Wall at Checkpoint Charlie,

a crossing point that years earlier had staged a 16-hour stand-off between American and Soviet tanks, coming uncomfortably close to triggering a nuclear Third World War.

Our teachers screamed at him to get down. I hate to confess it now, but the rest of our school 'comrades' continued egging him on. Two of those boys now live in Guernsey – one is obviously me; the other's identity I'll protect, for GDPR's sake. The East German guards, fortunately, watched it all through their binoculars and left it at that.

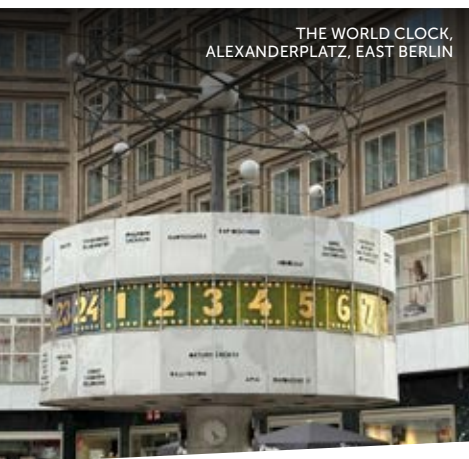
None of us, returning home, could have imagined the Wall would fall. For nearly half a century, no city embodied that unsettling era

quite like Berlin: flattened by war, bisected by a wall so infamous it became a proper noun, and threaded through with intelligence operatives from both sides of the Iron Curtain.

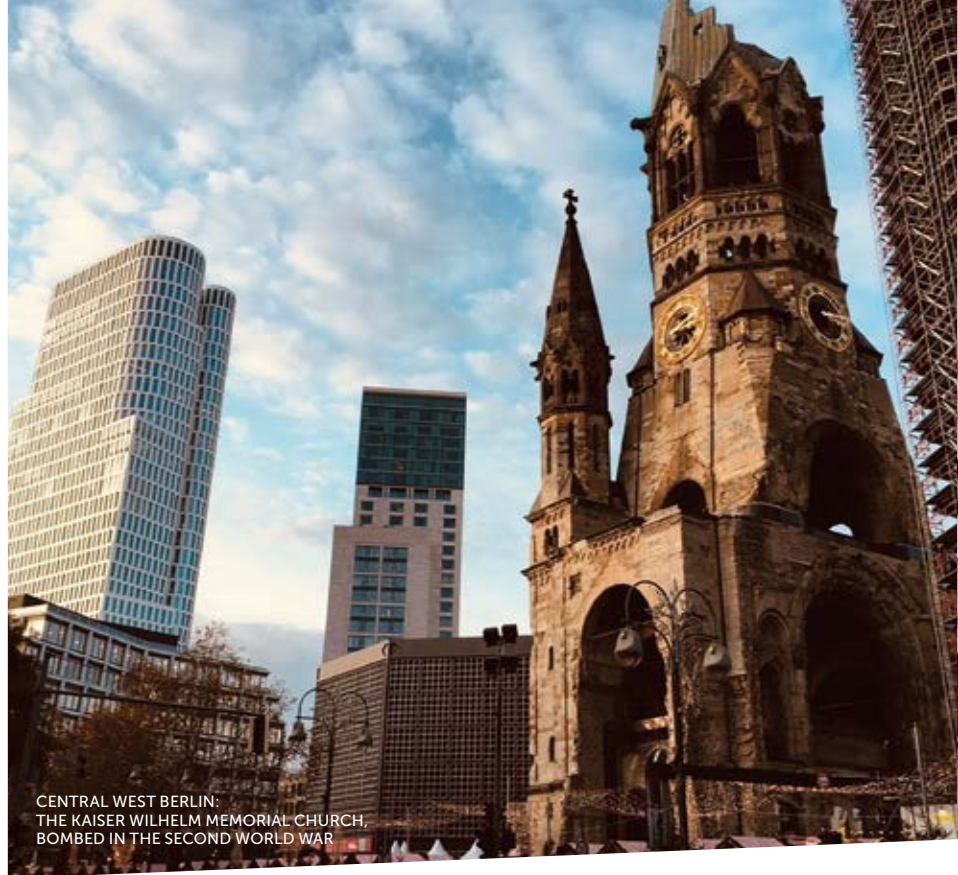
I've been fortunate to return many times since reunification – my son now calls a modern, tolerant, multicultural Berlin home – and have watched the city's scars fade with each visit. The Berlin I present today is a far more welcoming city than the one that alarmed my teachers; without a specialist phone app, it's now nearly impossible to trace the Wall's old path. But scratch the surface, and the Cold War is still remarkably close at hand.



MAP OF CENTRAL EAST BERLIN PUBLISHED IN EAST GERMANY CIRCA 1989 - NOTE HOW THE WEST IS JUST A BLANK SPACE



THE WORLD CLOCK, ALEXANDERPLATZ, EAST BERLIN



CENTRAL WEST BERLIN: THE KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH, BOMBED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR



TEUFELSBERG - THE DEVIL'S MOUNTAIN: ABANDONED LISTENING POSTS



THE QUADRIGA ON TOP OF THE BRANDENBURG GATE



PHILIP SAUNDERS AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION 2024

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WHERE THE CITY USED TO SPLIT IN TWO

Take Friedrichstrasse station, once one of only two major crossing points foreigners could use. Above ground, though physically in East Berlin, the station was sliced clean down the middle — one side for trains through to the West, the other for East Berlin's own services — separated by a partition so total that neither side could see or hear the other. Below ground, underground lines ran a spectral route from West to East and back again. Except Friedrichstrasse, all the other stations on these lines running under the East were ghost stations, with all entrances to the world above sealed up with bricks and concrete and eerie, poorly lit platforms, patrolled by armed border guards, with each station name in old German Gothic script peeling away with age from the signage.



WARNING SIGN AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

Passport checks entering the East were exhaustive; arriving in the West required no papers at all. Today it's disconcertingly ordinary — commuters eating pretzels in what was once the most heavily policed railway station in Europe. The neighbouring Tränenpalast, the 'Palace of Tears' — named for the tears shed by East Berliners bidding farewell to loved ones they had no papers to accompany over the 'Anti-Fascist Protective Wall' — now houses an excellent free museum bringing it all back to life.

A 25-minute walk brings you to Potsdamer Platz, once Berlin's answer to Piccadilly Circus and, during the Wall years, so dangerous that rabbits were reportedly the only creatures able to cross safely. Today it houses Berlin's Spy Museum, tracing espionage from Napoleon through the almost theatrical paranoia of the Cold War: a bug hidden in a belt, a camera in a bra, a watering can that doubled as a working camera, reportedly deployed at dissidents' funerals — and an East German Trabant fitted with concealed infrared surveillance gear that cost a small fortune in 1980s money.

Further south-west, the Glienicke Bridge — between leafy, lakeside Wannsee and the old royal seat of Potsdam — carries a stranger legacy still. Closed to all traffic once the Wall went up, it was reserved for prisoner and spy exchanges, used for precisely four of them in nearly three decades, including the 1962 return of U-2 pilot Gary Powers and the 1986 release of Soviet dissident Anatoly Sharansky — the setting for Spielberg's 2015 movie Bridge of Spies. You can stand today exactly where the border once ran, with well-illustrated information boards telling the rest of the story.



ANDREW LAWFORD ATTEMPTING TO CLIMB THE BERLIN WALL IN OCTOBER 1984

THE VIEW FROM DEVIL'S MOUNTAIN

West Berlin's highest point isn't a hill — it's the Teufelsberg, a mound of wartime rubble piled into the Grunewald forest with nowhere else to go, because it certainly could not be dumped in the East, not in those days.



ARTWORK GLORIFYING COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY AT STASI HQ

At its summit, American, British and French personnel ran a joint listening station for decades, eavesdropping on Eastern signals. My favourite detail: operators once noticed a nearby funfair's Ferris wheel was inexplicably boosting their reception, so the wheel was kept running long after the rest of the fair had packed up — quietly doing its bit for Western intelligence. Derelict since around 1990, Teufelsberg is still open to visitors after a bracing uphill walk, and the view across Berlin makes plain why this spot was chosen in the first place.

THE STATE THAT WATCHED ITS OWN

No account of Cold War Berlin is complete without visiting the old Stasi headquarters, preserved almost exactly as found when the regime collapsed. 'Stasi' is short for Staatssicherheitsdienst, or State Security — feared throughout the East for infiltrating daily life through a huge network of informers and ruthlessly crushing any hint of dissent.

Its boss, Erich Mielke, wasn't above spying on East Germany's own leader, Erich Honecker; you can still see the safe in Mielke's office, found stuffed with compromising material on his party chief — filed, you might say with a straight face, under brotherly love.

The technology on display tells its own story: devices for steaming open letters, probes for checking parcels, a camera built into an ordinary button. On one visit, I finally applied to find out whether the Stasi kept a file on me, from my time meeting East German students and teachers. The process is free and open to anyone who believes they may have been watched. I'm still waiting for proof there's anything there — I rather suspect my

imagination ran away with me.

Thirty-seven years on from the Wall's collapse, Berlin has turned nearly every one of these sites of fear and division into places ordinary visitors can simply walk through, at their own pace. What ended the system wasn't better surveillance on either side — it was the East German people themselves, gathering in 1989 behind four liberating words: Wir sind das Volk. We are the people. And the rest is history ...

Andrew, if you're reading this: the Wall you once tried to climb is largely gone, and these days you don't need a leg-up to walk through Checkpoint Charlie.

You can find Philip's vlogs on his 'Travel In The Know' channel on YouTube, including a series of three films about the sights of Cold War Berlin.



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On the day that photographer Peter Frankland and I went for lunch (towards the end of the school holidays), I had to help out with a bit of last-minute childcare, so we were accompanied by my grandchildren, aged seven and five.

A dad himself, owner Steve Hopkins has brilliantly catered for L'il Rascals. My two devoured their fish and chips and steak and chips, mini versions (but still generous portions) of what Peter and I had. At £8 and £10 respectively, they also offer great value for money.

Both of us (the adults that is) opted for a zero beer as it was a work day. We didn't have long to wait for our meals, as service (from happy, smiling staff) is swift, exactly what you want if you're on a lunch break.

I'd opted for the aged sirloin minute steak, house butter, beef dripping fries and watercress salad, while Peter had the Posh Rascal fish 'n' chips – chunky fried fish fingers, minted peas, tartar sauce and skin-on fries. Branded plates add that extra finishing touch.



Years ago, I recall that nearly every steak dish came with the ubiquitous watercress salad, but they seem less popular nowadays. I'm so glad Steve has brought this back, with a twist of softened red onion to add a touch of piquancy to the peppery taste. The steak was pink (how I like it) and was tender and tasty, while the beef dripping fries were mouth-wateringly delicious and I'm salivating writing this thinking of them.



Peter said his fish consisted of large lovely flakes, covered with crispy breadcrumbs and complemented by the minty peas, plus the moreish skin-on fries.

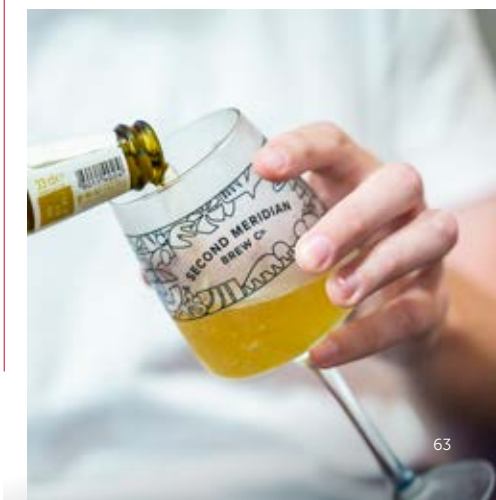
A simple, single course lunch that was satisfying and quick, ideal if you work in town or just have a short time to spare. We both demolished our meals, which I think says it all.

If you haven't been to Fat Rascal since its refurbishment, you'll love the décor. My granddaughter thought the lights and greenery combo hanging from the ceiling was amazing, and both of the children loved the fact that they were going 'underground' for lunch. It feels lighter than before, and got a thumbs up from my grandson.

Those who may remember the restaurant's signature dish from its previous incarnation will be jumping with joy to find Rascal parmigiana (breaded chicken breast, pulled pork, rustic tomato sauce, cheddar, beef dripping fries, rocket & parmesan salad) back on the menu.

Serving breakfast, lunches, dinners and Sunday roast, Fat Rascal is back home in Lefebvre Street, under the arch in town. It's a welcome sight.

See fatrascal.gg for bookings, menus and opening times.



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GUERNSEY TRUSTS LAW AND PRACTICE: KEEPING PACE WITH MODERN NEEDS AND VALUES

BY CATHERINE MOORE, PARTNER, OGIER



Views and intentions around wealth are constantly evolving, looking very different today than even a decade ago.

While preserving and transferring wealth remains important, purpose, values and legacy are more present in how clients think about their wealth. With families increasingly spread across countries, cultures and generations, decision-making is more nuanced and complex than ever.

As a result, trust structures and governance arrangements have evolved alongside the families they support, shaping how advisers, Courts and legislators respond to more diverse family needs.

LEGAL EVOLUTION

Amendments to the Trusts (Guernsey) Law, 2007 were approved in principle by the States of Guernsey earlier this year. Rather than major reform, they recognise that modern trust structures must accommodate changing needs and expectations around decision-making.

Key proposed changes include:

- expanded Court powers to vary trusts
- clearer position on when beneficiaries can terminate trusts
- clarity on applications to set aside transactions and mistake

These are designed to both clarify the current position and ensure Guernsey trusts law remains modern and flexible as time goes on.

BEYOND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

More families now think about how wealth reflects their values, how decisions are made across generations and what legacy they want to leave, asking how their wealth can make a difference to others, not just through philanthropy. An example is a case our Trusts Advisory Group worked on this year involving three substantial family trusts. The beneficiaries wanted to move the trusts onshore to the UK, despite a significant increase in tax payable. The decision was not driven by financial outcomes; the beneficiaries felt paying more tax better aligned with their values and let them contribute more directly to the society in which they live.

The case reflects how "benefit" does not necessarily mean financial, and purpose, values and legacy are now key parts of the conversation.

GOVERNANCE AS FAMILIES BECOME MORE COMPLEX

Families are now often spread across jurisdictions, with multiple generations involved in decisions relating

to large and complex structures. Protectors, advisers and others involved in governance frequently play a more active role than in the past, and their duties have evolved with the trust administration landscape.

Proposed amendments to Guernsey's trust law will default to the position that gives reserved power holders fiduciary powers, unless the trust terms say otherwise. Combined with the outcome from recent case law, these powers should be considered wide, with protectors expected to exercise independent discretion in assessing whether a trustee has acted appropriately.

These roles should be less passive or purely supervisory, reflecting the complexity and scale of trust administration and decision-making today.

WHEN FAMILY HISTORY MEETS MODERN CHALLENGES

It is not uncommon for trusts to last quite a number of decades (if not more). As such, flexibility and clarity today can really matter in future. Our Trusts Advisory Group recently worked on a trust declaration dispute concerning a note written by a settlor more than 30 years ago. The question was whether a note could create a valid trust. Ogier successfully defended an appeal, and the Court of Appeal confirmed it was effective because, despite its imperfections, it clearly reflected the settlor's intentions.

Such cases show how trust structures span generations, with documents created years ago having significant consequences today. They highlight the importance of understanding not only the technical legal position but the family context and intentions behind it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Changing family priorities, developing governance expectations and increasingly complex cross-border arrangements will keep driving change. Developments in Guernsey's trusts law and international case law reflect this, underlining Guernsey's leading position in the global trusts industry.

Trusts help families plan for the future, and as priorities evolve and structures become increasingly international, trust frameworks will continue to evolve alongside them.

If you would like to know more about how Ogier's experts can support you with Guernsey trust matters, contact Catherine Moore or a member of our team via [Ogier.com](https://www.ogier.com)

SANLAM TRUSTEES SECURES GUERNSEY LICENCE



Nick Matthews, Sanlam Trustees International (Guernsey) Limited, has been granted a stand-alone fiduciary licence by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission, establishing the business as an independently regulated fiduciary services provider. The company said the approval strengthens its position in Guernsey's fiduciary sector and confirms it meets the regulator's standards for trust and corporate service providers. Incoming Managing Director Nick Matthews said the achievement reflects continued investment in the firm's people, governance framework and local presence. Existing client services will continue unchanged.

TITAN WEALTH TAKES FULL OWNERSHIP OF LTS

Titan Wealth is set to take full ownership of Channel Islands tax advisory firm LTS, subject to approval from the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority. The wealth management group will acquire the remaining 51% stake in the business, having purchased an initial 49% shareholding in May 2024. LTS, which advises clients on tax and structuring matters, will continue to operate under its existing brand. Its Guernsey team is due to relocate to Titan Wealth's offices at 20 New Street later this month, while its Jersey operation is already based within Titan Wealth's premises in St Helier. LTS Managing Director Paul O'Neill said the deal would allow the firm to retain its existing approach while benefiting from Titan Wealth's resources, technology and specialist expertise. Titan Wealth Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive James Kaberry said the acquisition would make LTS's tax expertise available to clients across the wider Titan Wealth group.



Robin Newbould, Titan Wealth Channel Islands Chief Executive, said the deal reflected the strategic importance of the islands to the group's growth plans and highlighted the strength of the local professional services sector. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The deal follows Titan Wealth's purchases of Ravenscroft's wealth management business in December 2024 and Advisa Wealth in March 2025.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE HITS RECORD NUMBER OF LISTINGS

The International Stock Exchange (TISE) has reached another record, with almost 4,900 securities now listed on its Official List. The Guernsey-headquartered exchange, owned by Miami International Holdings, added 442 new securities in the first half of 2026, taking the total to a record 4,861 at 30 June. That was up 6.6% year-on-year and comes a year after its acquisition by the US-based group. The total market value of listed securities also hit a record £813bn, a 4.7% increase on the same period last year. Chief Executive Cees Vermaas said the figures built on what had been a 'milestone year' for the exchange in 2025. 'Although global macroeconomic conditions have generated uncertainty across international bond markets over the past six months, our robust performance confirms TISE's position as a leading European bond listing venue,' he said. Bond listings continued to drive growth. TISE added 72 high-yield bonds during the first six months



Cees Vermaas

of the year, taking the total to 565, while 56 new securitisation bonds increased that category to 650. Private equity debt securities rose to 2,090 after 159 new listings in the period. TISE also retained its position as the largest market for listed UK real estate investment trusts, with 41 REITs on its books at the end of June. A further specialist company was admitted under its equity rules,

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bringing that total to 27. Issuers are now domiciled in 39 jurisdictions worldwide. UK-based issuers accounted for 43.4% of new listings in the first half of the year, followed by the European Union at 32.4% and the United States at 5.9%, reflecting Miami International Holdings' strategy of providing US companies and listed funds with a route into European markets.

BLUE DIAMOND LOOKS TO FUTURE WITH DIDDLY SQUAT FARM



Alan Roper with some of the Diddly Squat products for sale at the Friquet Garden Centre. ©Guernsey Press

An experiment in redefining the British garden centre led to the establishment of the most financially successful garden centre company in the British Isles, with its origins down to a man with a vision and his partnership with a long-established Guernsey company. It was back in the 1990s that Alan Roper had the idea of adding restaurants, ladies' fashion, homewares, toys and gifts to the traditional garden centre offerings in the UK. Partnering with a Tory MP and a group of private equity bankers he rejected the old notion that 'everyone' was the customer and targeted stay-at-home mothers with children during the week and whole families at weekends. The first site to open with this new model was in the Cotswolds, and proved to be a hit. Despite its financial success, Alan's ambition to build a new garden centre group was curtailed when his equity partner was forced to sell. Then his paths crossed with the Blue Diamond Group in Guernsey, which operated its own outlets in the island – a disparate collection of garden retail, sports shops, farm shops and a wealth management software business. Alan joined the group in 1999, selling non-core assets and refocusing the business around garden centres.

The limited capital at his disposal saw him pursuing low-risk, high-impact deals. One example of this was at Wilton House near Salisbury, which had its own garden centre on-site. Alan delivered a blunt pitch to its owner, the Earl of Pembroke, saying 'awful garden centre, lovely house'. He was given permission to take it on, and the project saw the business moving from loss-making to generating hundreds of thousands of pounds. Another big structural leap was a 6000sq. m site at Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent: 'It's got three restaurants, and we put the fashion in, and the home in, and we fitted it out really nicely,' he said. From there, expansion accelerated via both freeholds and estate-based partnerships. The company had strong Guernsey roots and today its head office is still in the island, with about 30 of the 100-Guernsey-based staff working there. In total, it now employs some 5,500 people and about 95% of its £450m annual turnover is generated in the UK. The island will remain important: 'In terms of an operational base, the head office will remain in Guernsey,' said Alan. The summer saw shareholders agree to a move that would enable the company to capture new

opportunities in a changing UK garden centre landscape, when Blue Diamond's AGM approved a deal with Caledonia Investments, a family-money firm that Alan contrasts favourably with typical private equity. Since then, acquisitions have included a garden centre at Holt on the Norfolk coast and Highfield Garden World near Gloucester, with several more purchases expected this year, alongside new-build projects such as Alberton (opening in March) and a planned site on the edge of the Peak District. The company has also completed an exclusive deal with Diddly Squat Farm, as seen on Clarkson's Farm, and it will be selling a range of specially branded merchandise in the run-up to Christmas, such as fruit and nut bars for birds, plantable wild flower 'seedy balls', a flower seed Christmas calendar and an Amaryllis Hippeastrum 'Candy Cane', a spectacular flowering bulb personally christened by Lisa Hogan, co-founder of Diddly Squat Farm. Alan believes that, with the right opportunities, Blue Diamond could 'double the size of the business in the next five to six years.' Behind this growth is what he calls an 'amazing team' of colleagues, many of whom have been with him for several years and who he said exemplify his approach of building roles around people's strengths.



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Sam Bird

MOORE STEPHENS LAUNCHES MFMS BRAND

Moore Stephens Channel Islands has launched MFMS Channel Islands, a new brand for its private client, corporate and family office services business in Guernsey and Jersey.

The move is part of a wider strategy to strengthen the group's private wealth offering and increase its visibility in international markets. MFMS, which stands for Moore Family and Moore

Stephens, will provide fiduciary, trust and corporate services, while audit, accounting and tax services will continue under the Moore Stephens Channel Islands name.

Chief Executive Sam Bird said the new identity would provide greater clarity around the firm's service offering. Ownership, management and local boards remain unchanged.

IMPERIUM ACQUIRES MIDMAR CAPITAL TO EXPAND PRIVATE MARKETS OFFERING

Imperium has acquired Midmar Capital, a UK investment management firm specialising in regulatory incubation and support services for start-up investment businesses.

The deal strengthens Imperium's funds business, which this year surpassed £5bn in assets under administration and has built a client base across private equity, venture capital and other alternative asset sectors.

Midmar Capital is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority and has helped launch more than 50 institutional investment funds across private equity, venture capital and hedge fund strategies. The firm focuses on providing regulatory hosting and oversight services, particularly for managers operating in high-growth sectors such as technology and sustainability.



Barry McClay

Imperium said the deal will enable it to provide a broader range of services, supporting investment managers from launch through to institutional scale by combining fund administration capabilities with regulatory infrastructure.

Barry McClay, Imperium's Group Head of Funds, described the acquisition as 'a natural next step' in the growth of the business.

'The addition of Midmar Capital allows us to broaden our offering and provide clients with integrated regulatory and operational infrastructure from launch through to maturity,' he said.

Midmar Capital Chief Executive Kevin Gallacher said joining Imperium would give clients access to a wider range of services as they expanded their businesses.

The transaction also strengthens Imperium's wider group platform, which now includes seven regulated businesses operating across the Channel Islands, the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

AI ADOPTION RISES IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial services firms are among the strongest adopters of AI, according to KPMG's Global AI Pulse survey, although regulation, governance and skills shortages remain barriers to wider implementation.

The report found that 27% of firms are scaling AI across their businesses and 59% are already seeing meaningful value from their investments. AI is being used widely in fraud detection, underwriting, credit risk and customer operations.



Russell Kelly

Russell Kelly, Head of Advisory at KPMG in the Crown Dependencies, said the findings reflect activity across the local financial services sector.

Despite growing adoption, only 16% of respondents said they were very confident in their ability to support AI-enabled execution.



Tim Walker, Jonny Gamble, Dan Bisson and George Titan of Osiris Group

OSIRIS GROUP MOVES INTO GUERNSEY

Osiris Group has been granted a fiduciary licence by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission and is establishing Guernsey as its Channel Islands hub for fiduciary and private wealth services.

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DIGITAL TRUST ASSETS: IMPLICATIONS FOR TRUSTEES

BY TODD MCGUFFIN, HEAD OF DISPUTES & RISK, AND SHEK MORADIAN, ASSOCIATE.

Traditional fiduciary duties increasingly have a technological dimension as digital assets become a more common component of trust structures and estates. Trustees and executors are no longer concerned solely with conventional assets such as real property, bank accounts, shares, and physical possessions.

The growing prevalence of cryptocurrencies, digital securities, non-fungible tokens, online investment accounts, and other digitally held assets means that fiduciaries must ensure that, not only can they establish legal ownership, but also the practical mechanisms by which such assets can be identified, accessed, secured, administered, valued, and ultimately transferred.

This can be particularly difficult where access depends upon private keys, passwords, seed phrases, multi-factor authentication, encryption, or third-party custodians. Unlike many traditional assets, where ownership can generally be established through documentation and access can be restored through established institutional procedures, the loss of a private key or essential authentication information may render a digital asset effectively inaccessible. This may occur even where the fiduciary has clear legal authority to deal with the asset.

Accordingly, trust instruments should expressly contemplate and address digital assets. Appropriate procedures should be established for identifying and recording relevant information, maintaining inventories of digital holdings, managing access credentials, and ensuring that sensitive security information is disclosed only to authorised individuals.

Fiduciaries must also carefully consider their duties of confidentiality, cybersecurity and data protection when handling such information. Particular care is required to ensure that records containing passwords, private keys, or recovery phrases are not maintained in an insecure manner or made unnecessarily accessible to employees, beneficiaries or third parties.

There are also important questions concerning the use of specialist service providers. Trustees may need to engage custodians, digital asset specialists, valuation experts, cybersecurity professionals, or

other advisers where they lack the technical expertise necessary to administer particular digital assets. Any delegation or reliance on third parties must, however, be consistent with the fiduciary's underlying duties and applicable regulatory requirements.

Valuation of such assets presents a further difficulty. Digital assets can be highly volatile, may trade across multiple platforms and jurisdictions, and may have limited or uncertain liquidity. Fiduciaries may therefore need to establish an appropriate valuation methodology for accounting, tax, distribution, and reporting purposes. Questions may also arise concerning the recovery of assets where access information is incomplete or where assets are held through overseas or decentralised platforms.

Finally, the potential use of certain digital assets and related technologies in money laundering and other financial crime, introduces additional regulatory complexities. Trustees and executors must remain vigilant to source of funds and source of wealth issues, transaction monitoring, financial sanctions, and applicable anti-money laundering obligations.

Ultimately, effective fiduciary administration increasingly requires a combination of legal authority, technological understanding, and robust security procedures to ensure that digital assets are preserved and properly administered in accordance with the settlor's wishes or the terms of the trust.

Babbé LLP frequently advises trustees and beneficiaries in relation to the more challenging aspects of the administration of digital assets including related regulatory issues (especially in relation to financial sanctions).



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THE GREAT WEALTH TRANSFER DEBATE: CHANGING VALUES, CONFLICTING PRIORITIES?

BY EMILY MARRIOTT-TREBERT, TAX MANAGER AND MARK SAVAGE, TAX DIRECTOR, BDO

Against a backdrop of tax and political uncertainty, many wealth creators are looking to pass assets to the next generation. The key challenge is creating the right succession framework and timeline to protect wealth and preserve its long-term legacy.

ARE YOUR EXISTING STRUCTURES STILL FIT FOR PURPOSE?

Many business and family wealth structures were established for specific purposes, whether that be to facilitate growth, protect assets or secure tax efficiencies that were available at the time. However, family circumstances, legislation and tax policies evolve meaning structures, which were once effective, may no longer achieve those original objectives.

As succession planning is rarely a single event and typically involves a combination of tax, legal, commercial and family considerations, it is important to periodically review existing arrangements to ensure they remain fit for purpose. Obtaining updated professional advice can help identify new opportunities, risks and potential restructuring requirements before a succession plan is implemented.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO THE NEXT GENERATION

The transfer of business interests, investments and other assets can involve significant tax and transaction costs, including potential capital gains tax, inheritance/ gift tax, restructuring expenses and professional advisory fees. As a result, succession planning should be approached from a long-term perspective, taking into account both the immediate costs of transfer and the family's future tax and ownership objectives. Early planning can provide greater flexibility and help to ensure that transfers are structured in a way that balances tax efficiency with appropriate control.

TRANSFER OF INFLUENCE

For many wealth creators, transferring legal ownership of assets is easier than transferring control. Years of personal investment and control often make it difficult to step back, making careful planning essential.

Consideration should be given to how much control to retain, when successors are ready to assume responsibility, and the timeframe for transition. Providing opportunities for the next generation to gain experience and develop relationships with existing advisors can help ensure a smoother and more successful handover.

LOCATION AND RELOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

In an increasingly mobile world, succession planning can be complicated by the location of those involved. The location of people and assets is key as this can affect tax treatments on the transfer of assets and, in the case of transferring control of a business, the tax residency of the business.

For families considering relocation, this may create tax and regulatory implications in both the old jurisdiction of residence and the new one. The costs and wider impact of relocating, including professional fees, business disruption and effects on family life, should therefore form part of the succession planning process.

MANAGING FAMILY DYNAMICS

Open communication involving the next generation in planning discussions is essential and can help align expectations and reduce the risk of future disputes. Some families may benefit from establishing a family constitution to support decision-making.

Successful succession also relies on trusted advisors who understand both the family's objectives and the technical complexities involved. Where assets, family members or business interests span multiple jurisdictions, specialist international tax, legal and corporate finance advice can be invaluable. Introducing successors to these advisors early helps ensure continuity, build trusted relationships and support a smooth transition for future generations.

Successfully transferring wealth to the next generation requires trusted advisers with both local knowledge and global reach. At BDO in the Channel Islands, our specialists work closely with families and business owners to develop tailored succession strategies, drawing on expertise in international tax and cross-border structuring. Through BDO's worldwide network, we can provide coordinated support across jurisdictions, helping clients preserve and transition their wealth with confidence.



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TEN YEARS OF STAYING LOCAL IN A WORLD THAT KEEPS MOVING

BY STUART PERFITT, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, ROCQ CAPITAL

A lot can happen in 10 years. When we launched Rocq Capital in 2016, it felt exciting and daunting in equal measure. We had completed a management buyout from the Edmond de Rothschild Group, but we were also stepping out under our own name for the first time.

There was energy in that moment. There was belief. But there was also the responsibility of building something new.

What gave us confidence was the support around us. Our clients, the regulator, our families and our wider circle all encouraged us to push ahead. Most importantly, many clients showed great understanding and faith in us as a team. They believed in the people behind the business and made the move with us.

Winning our first mandate as Rocq Capital was a moment none of us will forget. It gave us confidence, but it meant more than that. It was an endorsement of the team, the culture and the business we were trying to build. Ten years on, we still treasure every new piece of business in the same way.

In investment management, people often focus on numbers, returns and performance. Those things matter. But they are only part of the story. For us, trust has always been the deeper measure.

Trust in the team, in the process and trust in the way we behave when markets become difficult. And the last decade has certainly given us plenty to navigate.

Brexit, the pandemic, inflation, rising interest rates, conflict in Ukraine, geopolitical tension and changing global politics have all shaped the investment landscape. The world has felt noisy, uncertain and unsettled.

Locally, financial services have changed too. We have seen acquisitions, aggregators, closures and consolidation across our sector. Some firms have grown larger. Some have moved away. Some have changed shape completely.

Against that backdrop, we have tried to stay true to what we set out to be. Local, independent, calm, considered and personal.

Being local is not just about where we are based. It affects how we work. Our decisions are made here. Our team is here. Our clients can speak directly to the people looking after them. There are no distant layers or off-island sign-offs slowing things down.

That closeness matters. Clients do not always want constant contact. Many prefer a light touch. But they do want to know we are there when needed, with the depth,

experience and judgement to answer questions properly.

Rocq has grown steadily and organically. We have not tried to be the biggest voice in the room. We have focused on building a brand that is local, trusted and typified by independent thinking.

That does not mean we're standing still. Technology has changed the way we communicate with clients and their expectations have changed too. People want clear information, easy access and straightforward conversations. They want to understand what is happening without being buried in jargon.

But some things should not change.

Our approach remains calm and considered, with high levels of service. Every client receives care from each of their Rocq touchpoints, whether that is through an investment manager, client services or the wider team. We look after our own and look out for others. That has become part of the culture.

Our connection to Guernsey also goes beyond the office. Over the years, we have been pleased to support community initiatives and events that bring people together. The money raised for Les Bourgs Hospice through 30 Bays in 30 Days and related events has been especially meaningful. Hidden Gardens continues to be a wonderful celebration of island life. And seeing the growth and potential of padel in Guernsey has been exciting.

These things keep us connected to the place we call home. A local business should play a part in local life. Not loudly or for show but because it is the right thing to do.

When we look back over the past 10 years, it feels as though we grasped an opportunity and ran with it. We built something independent, steady and rooted in Guernsey. We became what we hoped we could become: a safe pair of hands for our clients.

The next decade will bring more change. Markets will move. Technology will move. The island will move. The world will keep moving.

Our job is to keep thinking clearly through it all. To stay calm, stay close, and stay independent. To keep serving clients properly. And to keep building a business that feels personal, thoughtful and deeply connected to Guernsey.

Ten years on, we are grateful to our clients, our team, our families and everyone who helped us take those first steps. Our only regret? We wish we had set up Rocq 10 years earlier.

But hey ho. We will have to make the next 10 count.



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Women and Financial Planning:

Building a Stronger Financial Future in Guernsey and Alderney

By Robyn Bowyer-Smith, Chartered Financial Planner at Gower



Like many women, I am aware of the unique financial planning challenges that can arise at different stages of life. Career breaks, working reduced hours to raise a family, caring responsibilities and differences in lifetime earnings can all affect the ability to build savings, investments and pension provision. Over time, the cumulative effect can be significant, making it particularly important for us to understand our financial position, plan ahead and take an active role in shaping our financial future.

The impact of life and career choices

We're still more likely to take time away from work or reduce our hours to raise children or care for family members. While these decisions may be right for the individual and their family, they can have a longer-term financial impact.

A period of reduced earnings does not just affect income today. It can also mean lower pension contributions, fewer opportunities to save and invest, and potentially less financial independence later in life.

These effects can accumulate over many years, contributing to the gender pension and wealth gap. Understanding that impact early provides an opportunity to plan for it.

Building financial confidence

For women who have spent periods earning less, taken time out of the workplace or perhaps left longer-term financial decisions to a partner, engaging with pensions and investments can sometimes feel daunting.

A good starting point is understanding what you already have. Reviewing your pensions, savings and investments, what you are contributing and what these could provide in the future can highlight any gaps that may need to be addressed.

Building confidence around investing can also be particularly valuable. Where there have been fewer opportunities to save during certain stages of life, making appropriate use of the money you are able to put aside can become even more important when working towards longer-term goals.

Planning for your own retirement

Retirement is where the cumulative impact of lower earnings, career breaks and reduced pension contributions can become particularly visible.

It is important for us to understand what our own retirement provision could look like, rather than relying solely on household finances or a partner's pension. Knowing what income your pensions and other assets might provide can identify a potential shortfall while there is still time to act.

Financial forecasting can help by bringing together pensions, savings, investments and future plans to show how your finances might develop over time. It can also demonstrate the impact of different choices, such as increasing pension contributions, working part-time or changing your intended retirement date.

Taking control of your financial future

There is no single financial plan that is right for everyone. Careers, families, relationships and priorities are different, and financial planning should reflect that.

The important thing is to make sure your own financial future receives the attention it deserves. That could mean reviewing your pension after returning to work, becoming more engaged with investing or simply gaining a clearer understanding of your financial position.

At Gower, we believe good financial planning helps you understand where you are today, where you want to be and the choices available to get there. Taking an active role in that process can help women build greater financial confidence, independence and long-term security.

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WHAT MAKES A MODERN WEALTH HUB?



BY ALEXANDRA MCINNES, HEAD OF JULIUS BAER GUERNSEY

In a world where people, businesses and capital are more mobile than ever, wealthy families have greater choice over where they structure, protect and grow their wealth.

Yet despite rapid technological change, evolving regulation and economic uncertainty, the qualities that define the world's leading wealth centres remain remarkably consistent.

Alexandra McInnes, Head of Julius Baer Guernsey, explores why stability, expertise and trust continue to shape wealth decisions for internationally mobile families.

Looking beyond investment returns

For wealthy families, choosing a financial centre is rarely about a single opportunity or investment, it's often a long-term decision that reflects personal circumstances, future ambitions and the desire to preserve wealth across generations.

Wealth planning often extends far beyond portfolio construction, families may be navigating succession planning, philanthropy, family governance, international assets and complex business interests. As a result, they're looking for jurisdictions that can provide confidence and continuity over decades.

This helps explain why established wealth centres such as Switzerland, Singapore and the Channel Islands continue to command attention. While each jurisdiction is distinct, they share several characteristics: stability, strong governance, regulatory credibility and deep specialist expertise.

The growing value of trust

Trust has become one of the most valuable assets a financial centre can offer. As regulatory requirements evolve and global structures become more sophisticated, trusted advice plays a crucial role in helping families make informed decisions and plan with confidence.

The States of Guernsey's recently published Finance Sector Growth Strategy 2035 puts emphasis on reputation, regulatory credibility and specialist expertise; this reflects a broader trend across international wealth management, where confidence and stability remain highly valued.

For many clients, trust extends well beyond investment performance: it's about knowing that advisers and regulatory frameworks are equipped to support long-term objectives, from preserving family wealth to business succession.

Expertise for a changing generation of wealth

The needs of wealthy families continue to evolve so rather than seeking one-size-fits-all solutions, many clients are looking for tailored advice that reflects their individual goals and values.

This trend is reflected in Guernsey's own ambitions for the future, the report highlights opportunities to further strengthen its position in private wealth, family office services and access to investment opportunities. These priorities mirror the broader direction of travel evident across international wealth markets.

The next generation of wealth holders is increasingly informed, connected and confident in forming its own views. Supporting younger clients therefore requires a broader approach, combining financial education with an understanding of their ambitions and where they source information. The role of a trusted adviser is not simply to provide access to opportunities but also to challenge assumptions, encourage a longer-term perspective and ensure decisions are built on clarity rather than reaction.

Financial education is also the focus of my LinkedIn blog series, The Knowledge Advantage.

Building for the long term

While technology, markets and client expectations will progress through the years, the foundations of successful wealth centres are unlikely to change. Stability, expertise and trust remain central to the decisions wealthy families make when determining how and where they manage their wealth.

For jurisdictions seeking to remain relevant in an increasingly competitive landscape, these qualities may prove to be their most enduring advantage.

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FINANCIAL ADVISERS: THE GPS OF YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH

BY BEX GOATER, MANAGING DIRECTOR,
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When you hear 'financial adviser', what comes to mind? Someone in a suit talking in spreadsheets? Someone you only see when you're retiring or investing? In truth, independent financial advice is much broader – and more personal – than that.

Think of us as the GPs of the financial world. Like your doctor, we take a holistic view of your situation, listen carefully, spot things you may not have noticed, and build a tailored plan to support your long-term wellbeing. And, just like a GP, we're most effective when we're not just responding to emergencies, but helping you stay healthy over time.

THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS

When a client walks into my office, they don't always have a clear idea of what they need. They might come in with a specific question – 'Should I move my pension?', 'Can I afford to retire at 60?', or 'How should I invest a recent inheritance?' – but, more often, there's more to consider. And that's where the diagnosis begins.

A good financial adviser doesn't just answer the question asked. We look to understand the full picture – income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, family circumstances and objectives. Sometimes the most important insight comes not from what's said, but from what's unsaid. Our role is to listen deeply and ask the right follow-ups – to uncover what really needs attention.

Only once we understand the person, not just the problem, can we go away and formulate a plan. That may involve some detailed research – and then we return with a set of tailored recommendations. Just like a GP might suggest lifestyle changes alongside a prescription, our advice might range from complex technical solutions to simple practical steps.

And it doesn't end there. The key to good financial health is ongoing maintenance – regular reviews, check-ups after any life changes, and staying on top of shifts in regulation or market conditions.



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TOP TIPS FOR FINANCIAL FITNESS

Whether or not you're working with a financial adviser right now, there are a few simple principles everyone can follow to keep their financial house in order. Think of them as the 'five-a-day' of personal finance:

- **Schedule regular financial check-ups.** Life moves fast – and your finances should keep pace. Whether annually or every few years, taking stock of your financial situation helps you stay aligned with your goals. A review doesn't have to mean big changes; sometimes, just knowing you're on track is a comfort in itself.
- **Flag any life changes.** Moving house, changing jobs, getting married or divorced, having children, inheriting money – these all have financial implications. A proper financial review after a major event can help you avoid missed opportunities or unexpected risks.
- **Know your numbers.** Many people aren't sure what they spend. Awareness is power. A good budget isn't about restriction – it's about directing money to what matters most.
- **Plan ahead – not just for retirement, but for life.** Yes, pensions are important. But so are holidays, education costs, supporting ageing parents, or even starting a business one day. A sound financial plan is a life plan with numbers attached.
- **Ask questions.** If financial jargon feels overwhelming, speak up. A good adviser welcomes questions – clarity builds confidence, building a relationship for life.

The most rewarding part of my job isn't just seeing a client meet their financial goals – although that's wonderful. It's knowing that I've helped them feel more confident, less anxious, and more in control of their future. We all want peace of mind, especially in uncertain times and engagement and education is key.

So whether you're 25 or 65, just starting out or well into your financial journey, think of your adviser as your financial GP. Book that check-up. Ask the awkward questions. Be honest about what's going on.

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Tax Capping for Guernsey Residents:

Depending on an individual's Guernsey tax residence classification there are various tax caps available:

- > **Open Market Cap - £60,000.** Available for the first four years of Guernsey residence. Requires the purchase of an open market property within 12 months before or after becoming tax resident. The purchase must generate minimum document duty or anti-avoidance duty of £50,000 (property cost of approximately £1.4m).
- > **Foreign income tax cap - £160,000.** 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 - £320,000.** A global cap utilised by individuals with substantial Guernsey source income.
- > **The "Standard Charge".** Currently £50,000 per annum and is available by election in place of worldwide income disclosure, for those who are broadly "part-time" tax resident on the Island.

Guernsey (including Alderney) property income and withdrawals from most Guernsey pensions, are taxable in addition to the tax caps.

Other potential benefits:

There are other significant tax incentives for Guernsey residents:

- > **Capital Gains Tax** - Guernsey has no CGT. Non-UK residents are also outside the scope of UK CGT on most disposals (excluding direct and indirect disposals of UK land and property).
- > **Inheritance Tax** - Guernsey does not levy inheritance, wealth or estate taxes. Long term non-residents of the UK are also outside the scope of IHT on most non-UK assets. A long-term non-UK resident is broadly one who has been non-UK tax resident for 10 complete UK tax years (this period is reduced in some circumstances).
- > **Company Taxation** - The Guernsey company standard tax rate is 0%. For UK companies where shareholder control is in Guernsey, there is the ability to claim double tax relief for UK corporation tax paid. Dividends paid to Guernsey (and not UK) tax residents are also, for the most part, exempt from UK tax.
- > **Pensions** - The potential to receive UK pension income, including a lifetime flexible drawdown, free from UK tax. UK pensions come into scope of UK IHT from 2027 so this is perhaps of significant interest to Guernsey residents.

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THE NEW ARMS RACE

BY MARK BOUSFIELD, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TITAN WEALTH IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

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Tears for Fears, Everybody Wants to Rule the World (1985)

Science fiction has an uncomfortable habit of becoming science fact.

I was reminded of this, recently, listening to Andrew Neil interviewing US cyber and national security expert James Adams about artificial intelligence. Much of the discussion centred on the 'singularity', the theoretical point at which AI becomes capable of improving itself, potentially accelerating its development beyond our ability fully to understand or control it.

For anyone brought up on HAL 9000, Terminator or The Matrix, this is not entirely reassuring. Indeed, US 'Econblogger' Noah Smith has argued that 'as long as you or I or anyone we know has been alive, for all of recorded history, and in fact for much, much longer than that – humankind has been the most intelligent thing on this planet.' His contention is that this is no longer true. Worse, it's becoming untrue at a rate we cannot conceive. AI doesn't eat, sleep, take vacations or 'work' from home. In sum, AI's iteration rate is both unimaginable and unmanageable – and, like Inky the Octopus, keeps escaping its safe-space 'sandpit'.

The timing of the singularity, assuming it happens at all, is fiercely debated. What is less disputable is the geopolitical competition that AI's development has unleashed.

Adams describes an AI arms race between the United States and China that both sides view as central to global economic and military power. Andrew Neil goes further, suggesting the contest could prove as consequential as the nuclear arms race of the Cold War. That assessment is shared in Washington. Biden administration National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, has described AI as the space race of the 21st century, warning that the winner stands to gain real advantages in national security, economic productivity and scientific discovery.

That sounds dramatic but consider what leadership in AI might bring. Superior intelligence gathering, cyber capability, autonomous weapons, robotics and surveillance are obvious military advantages. Add enormous productivity gains, accelerated scientific discovery – and the ability to dominate industries that may not yet exist – and it becomes easier to understand why Washington and Beijing are taking this race so seriously. The winner will not simply possess the world's best AI, it will emerge as the world's dominant superpower.

For investors, however, the race is not confined to algorithms.

AI requires an enormous physical infrastructure. Competition between Washington and Beijing stretches far beyond ChatGPT and DeepSeek, encompassing semiconductors, energy, commodities, infrastructure, robotics, defence and, ultimately, the applications built upon them. The US brings extraordinary advantages in capital markets, semiconductor design and entrepreneurship. China counters with manufacturing scale, energy infrastructure and the ability to direct state capital towards strategically important industries.

We have seen this before. The early internet was not simply an investment in websites, it required fibre optic cables, servers, semiconductors and enormous data centres. The smartphone revolution created ecosystems from chip manufacturers to telecommunications infrastructure. Technological revolutions create opportunities far removed from the obvious; AI looks increasingly similar.

None of this means that every company with the letters 'AI' in its annual report deserves an extraordinary valuation. History suggests quite the opposite. Ray Dalio has warned that 'all great technology changes produce bubbles.' The railway transformed the 19th century, though plenty of investors lost money along the way. Despite the dot-com crash, the internet transformed the world; AI may well follow suit. Nevertheless, investors should expect periods of significant volatility.

The important distinction is between scrutinising individual valuations and questioning the underlying transformation. The former is entirely sensible. The latter may prove considerably more expensive.

There are genuine reasons for optimism: AI has the potential to accelerate drug discovery, improve healthcare, increase productivity, optimise energy systems and reframe problems that currently appear beyond us. Human ingenuity, assisted by increasingly powerful machines, will produce advances we can barely imagine.

Singularity notwithstanding, governments and companies are committing extraordinary amounts to maintain competitiveness, thereby creating an investment ecosystem that extends far beyond AI itself.

For long-term investors, predicting the winner of the AI arms race is less important than understanding what is required to sustain it – while maintaining the discipline to navigate volatility along the way. Who gets to 'rule the world' may remain to be seen, but it is very clear that neither Washington nor Beijing is willing to risk it not being them.

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ZENZERO BECOMES A MICROSOFT FRONTIER FIRM

BY DOMINIC LLOYD, HEAD OF MICROSOFT PARTNER RELATIONS, ZENZERO

Across Jersey and Guernsey, ambitious organisations are turning to AI as a practical way to boost productivity, sharpen customer service and stay competitive amid rising regulatory demands and evolving skills needs. For many, the opportunity lies less in whether to adopt AI, and more in knowing where to start and how to do so safely.

Having successfully implemented AI across its own operations, Zenzero has been recognised by Microsoft as a Frontier Firm, helping organisations move beyond experimentation and turn AI into measurable business outcomes.

As one of the UK's leading Microsoft partners, Zenzero has taken a "Customer Zero" approach, deploying AI within its own business before recommending it to customers. This has enabled the organisation to develop proven frameworks, governance models and deployment strategies that help businesses adopt AI confidently while maintaining strong security and compliance standards.

This is particularly relevant in the Channel Islands, where organisations are balancing growth ambitions with limited resources and the need to remain competitive without significantly increasing headcount.

PUTTING AI TO WORK

At the centre of Zenzero's transformation is ZAI (Zenzero AI), an AI platform developed in-house and embedded across the business alongside Microsoft Copilot. Used by teams throughout the organisation, ZAI automates routine processes, accelerates service delivery and helps employees focus on higher-value work.

The results have been significant. AI adoption across Zenzero has increased dramatically, with 257 automated workflows delivering time savings of 187,229 minutes, or more than 3,120 hours, across the business. From service desk operations and reporting to presales and project delivery, AI has become part of day-to-day business operations rather than a standalone technology initiative.

By reducing time spent on repetitive tasks, employees can focus on strategic work, customer service and innovation. For organisations, it provides a practical example of how AI can improve productivity, increase capacity and support growth.

TURNING INTERNAL SUCCESS INTO CUSTOMER OUTCOMES

By implementing AI internally first, Zenzero can share real-world experience with organisations looking to begin or accelerate their own AI journey.

Across the Channel Islands, businesses are increasingly exploring how AI can support productivity and operational efficiency while maintaining the governance, security and data protection standards expected by customers, regulators and stakeholders.

Zenzero helps organisations:

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- Deploy Microsoft Copilot securely and effectively
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EXPERIENCE AI WITH COPILOT IN 30

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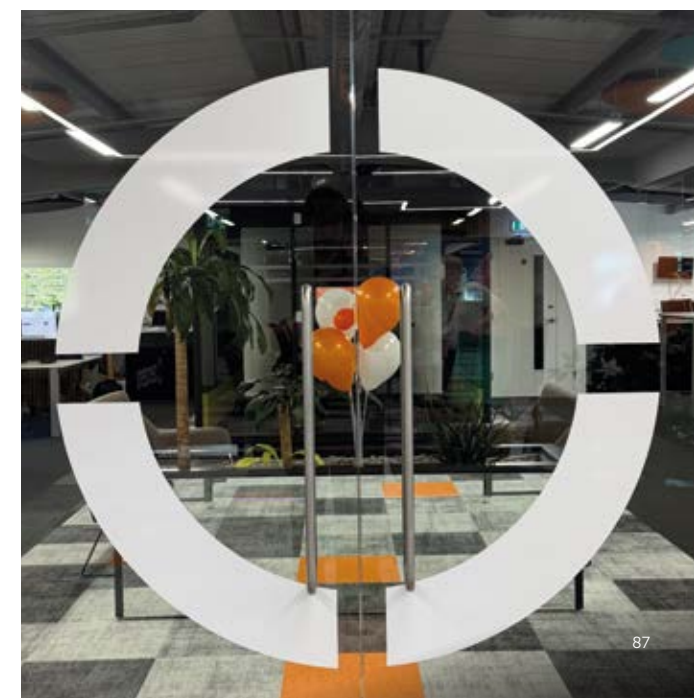
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Awareness of Microsoft funding support for AI initiatives - including Copilot deployment, AI development projects, Azure modernisation and proof-of-concept engagements - remains limited across the UK and Channel Islands alike. For organisations in Jersey and Guernsey, tapping into these programmes can make AI adoption more accessible and cost-effective.

LOOKING AHEAD

As businesses across the Channel Islands continue to navigate skills shortages, regulatory demands and growing customer expectations, AI is becoming an increasingly important tool for improving productivity and competitiveness. With experience gained through its own AI transformation, Zenzero helps organisations adopt AI safely, responsibly and with a clear focus on measurable business outcomes.

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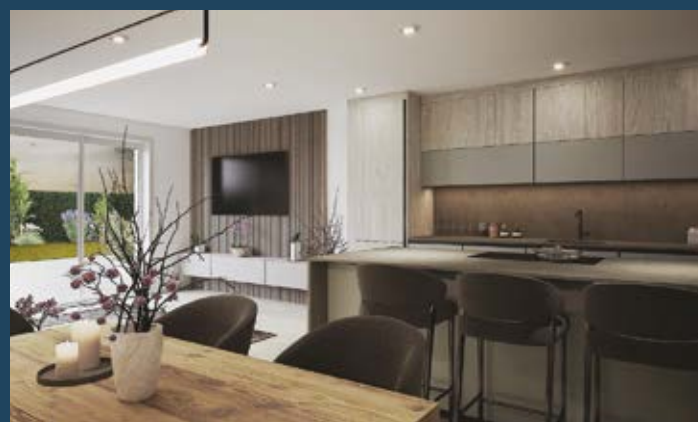


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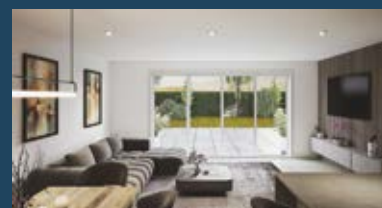
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Living in Sark

An island apart

There are places that offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and then there is Sark. Beautiful, peaceful and reassuringly different, this small island within the Bailiwick of Guernsey offers something increasingly difficult to find: the space and time to live life at a gentler pace.

For some, Sark is a place to call home all year round. For others, it can provide a private Channel Island base, somewhere to divide time between Sark, Guernsey, the UK, and further afield. And for those whose business can be conducted remotely, modern telecommunications mean that living on a small island does not necessarily mean being disconnected from the wider world.

A beautiful island with a different rhythm

Sark may be small, however its scenery is anything but. Dramatic cliffs, green countryside, and secluded bays create an extraordinary backdrop to everyday life, with Dixcart Bay and La Grande Grève among the island's best-known coastal highlights.

Walk almost anywhere and before long there is another view across the water, another peaceful lane, or another glimpse of the neighbouring islands. Nestled amongst the other islands of the Bailiwick, Sark feels wonderfully secluded while remaining within easy reach of Guernsey.

The island is famously car-free. There are no traffic jams or daily queues. Instead, bicycles, walking, horse-drawn carriages, and tractors are the principal ways of getting around.

It changes the rhythm of day-to-day living. A journey that might automatically be made by car elsewhere becomes a cycle through the lanes, a walk past the hedgerows, or an opportunity to stop for a conversation along the way.

It is a slower pace of life, certainly, but for many people that is precisely the attraction.

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A small but strong community

With around 550 residents, Sark has a small and close-knit community where people know their neighbours, and local businesses are personal.

Island life will not suit everybody, and that is part of Sark's charm. Anyone contemplating a move needs to embrace its differences rather than expect mainland life on a smaller scale.

For the right person, however, it can offer an entirely different balance between home, work, and leisure. It can be somewhere to raise a family, enjoy retirement, run a business, or simply create more time for the things that matter.

Connected where it matters

A slower lifestyle does not mean stepping away from modern business. Good telecommunications and internet connectivity, including options such as Starlink, mean many professionals, entrepreneurs, and business owners can work effectively from Sark.

Video meetings, cloud-based businesses, and communication with clients elsewhere can comfortably form part of daily life on the island.

Sark has no airport, so travel requires a little more planning. Regular ferry services provide the principal connection with Guernsey, with seasonal services elsewhere. From Guernsey, onward air and sea connections provide access to the UK and beyond.

That extra stretch of water is arguably part of the attraction. Sark is accessible, yet sufficiently removed to preserve the tranquillity and independence that make it so distinctive.

A distinctive tax environment

Sark's tax system is another important consideration for prospective residents. The island does not levy conventional income tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax, or sales tax, while its revenue is raised through measures including property and personal taxation.

For entrepreneurs, business owners and those looking for a different balance between working life and lifestyle, this can add another dimension to Sark's appeal.

Individual circumstances vary, particularly where income, businesses or assets span different jurisdictions, so anyone considering relocating should always take appropriate independent professional tax advice.

Three very different opportunities

Sark's property market is as individual as the island itself. Swoffers has a selection of properties for sale in Sark, including these three interesting opportunities, each offering something a little different.



La Moinerie Village

An historic Sark hamlet and distinctive hospitality opportunity.

La Moinerie Village is a restored historic hamlet offering guest lodges, farmhouse rooms, restaurant and bar facilities and managers' accommodation. Set within an atmospheric historic setting, it presents an unusual opportunity for someone looking to combine island life with a characterful hospitality business, with a flexible commercial lease term adding to its appeal. **Price on application.**



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La Jaspellerie

An exceptional coastal setting overlooking Dixcart Bay.

For someone dreaming of creating a private island home, La Jaspellerie offers an altogether different proposition. The four-bedroom, three-bathroom Georgian-style residence occupies an exceptional frontline coastal position with magnificent sea views towards Dixcart Bay. Offered as shell and core on a 125-year leasehold, with extensive private grounds, two additional outbuildings, and a large front paddock, it gives a purchaser the opportunity to create a bespoke Sark home. **Guide price: £2.95m.**



Clos de Vault Creux

Boutique hospitality with the opportunity to live and work on Sark.

Clos de Vault Creux offers another route into island life. The seven-bedroom property includes a boutique hotel, restaurant and al fresco dining, business facilities, managers' accommodation and staff quarters, making it an interesting proposition for an owner-operator attracted to Sark's visitor economy. **Price on application.**

The luxury of a slower life

Perhaps Sark's greatest luxury is not something that can be measured in acres, bedrooms or financial terms. It is time, together with the reassurance of living in a safe environment where community and a quieter pace of life remain central.

Time to walk rather than drive. Time to cycle through the lanes. Time to discover another bay, know your neighbours or simply stop and appreciate the view.

It is the ability to step away from some of the noise and pressure of modern life without necessarily stepping away from the modern world.

For someone looking for a permanent home, Sark offers a genuinely different way of living. For those wanting a base in the Channel Islands, it provides privacy, beauty and tranquillity. And for entrepreneurs and professionals who can work from almost anywhere, modern connectivity has made island life increasingly practical.

Sark will not be for everyone. Nor should it be. But for those attracted by its slower pace, spectacular scenery, close-knit community and sense of independence, it offers something increasingly rare.

Beautiful, car-free, connected, and full of character, Sark remains an island apart.

Swoffers has been helping people make property moves across the Bailiwick since 1972. To find out more about La Moinerie Village, La Jaspellerie, Clos de Vault Creux or other opportunities in Sark, contact the Swoffers Open Market team on **01481 711766** or **sales@swoffers.co.uk**.

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La Grange

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Laurel House

Extension

This contemporary extension creates a light filled kitchen and dining space designed around family life. Full height glazing brings natural light deep into the home, while sliding doors connect the interior with the garden, creating space for relaxed family living and entertaining.



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WHY GUERNSEY IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO BUILD YOUR FUTURE

When people first consider relocating to Guernsey, they often begin by exploring housing options or schools for their children, but after the practical questions are answered, a more important consideration often emerges:

WHAT WILL LIFE ACTUALLY BE LIKE?

For many who make the move, Guernsey becomes much more than a new place to live. It becomes a place to build a future, develop meaningful connections and enjoy a quality of life that's increasingly difficult to find elsewhere.

Whether you're starting or raising a family or looking for a change of pace, Guernsey offers a unique combination of opportunity, stability and lifestyle.

MORE TIME FOR WHAT MATTERS

One of the most frequent comments from people who relocate to Guernsey is how much time they gain back.

The lengthy daily commute is replaced with a short drive, cycle or even a walk.

That means more time to:

- Spend with family and friends
- Exercise and enjoy the outdoors
- Volunteer or join clubs
- Pursue hobbies and interests
- Simply relax

In a world where time often feels in short supply, that's a benefit many islanders place above all others.

A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Guernsey's strong sense of community is immediately noticeable.

People often describe the island as friendly, welcoming and easy to navigate. Whether you're arriving on your own or with a family, it's generally easy to establish connections and become involved in local life.

Children often enjoy greater independence, while adults appreciate the sense of security that comes from living in a close-knit community.

EXCEPTIONAL ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS

Life in Guernsey naturally encourages a healthier lifestyle.

Within minutes of leaving work or school, you can find yourself:

- Walking coastal cliffs
- Swimming in the sea
- Paddleboarding or sailing
- Cycling country lanes
- Exploring beaches and hidden bays

Rather than planning outdoor activities weeks in advance, nature becomes part of everyday life.

Many newcomers discover they spend more time outside in their first year on the island than they did previously over several years.



CONNECTED LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Despite its island setting, Guernsey remains exceptionally connected.

Regular daily air links make travel to and from the UK straightforward, while investment in digital infrastructure supports flexible and remote working arrangements.

Whether you're running a business, working remotely or keeping in touch with family overseas, Guernsey offers the connectivity needed to stay connected to the wider world.

A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE STAY

People are often drawn to Guernsey for a business opportunity or to provide the best possible environment for their children, but soon discover that the island offers far more. Alongside professional opportunities and a strong family focused community, they find a healthier work/life balance and an exceptional quality of life. The result is a vibrant community made up of people who chose Guernsey as a destination and then chose to make it their home.

THINKING ABOUT A MOVE?

Every relocation journey is different, but the questions are often the same; What will life be like? Will my family settle? Will I have opportunities to grow professionally? Could this become home?

Locate Guernsey helps individuals, families and businesses answer those questions with free, confidential support and guidance throughout the relocation process.

Whether you're exploring options or actively planning your move, our team can help you understand what life in Guernsey could look like for you.

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ALLIANCE



Alliance Supermarkets has strengthened its senior leadership team with three new appointments.

Laura Gordon has been promoted to Chief Growth Officer, taking responsibility for marketing, new business opportunities, wholesale and online. Ross Fall has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer, with responsibility for finance and IT, while Keiran Poole has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer, overseeing operations, commercial and people.

MD Andrew Bagot said: 'Over the past 18 months, our teams have delivered exceptional progress and built strong foundations for the future of Alliance Supermarkets.'

'We now have ambitious plans for the next stage of our development, from launching new sites and online propositions to expanding our wholesale operations and exploring new areas of growth.'

'As our business continues to grow and evolve, it is important that we have the right leadership structure and expertise in place to support our ambitions. Laura, Ross and Keiran have each made a significant contribution to Alliance Supermarkets, and these appointments recognise both what they have achieved and the important roles they will play in our future.'

'We have an exciting period ahead of us. With the strength of our team and the opportunities we see across the business, I believe Alliance Supermarkets is extremely well positioned for its next phase of growth.'

PWC



PwC Channel Islands has announced the admission of two new Partners within its Audit team – Guernsey-based Erick Dengura and Jersey-

based Lelani Wright – as part of its latest raft of pan-island promotions.

A total of 44 staff members have been promoted across the islands as part of the local firm's latest round of promotions, including Ben Backhouse to a global director role. A further 15 newly promoted Senior Managers and 22 Managers complete this latest series of promotion.

PwC CI Senior Partner Nick Vermeulen said: 'Our focus continues to be on ensuring our

clients can outthink, outpace and outperform in their respective industries, and bringing together technology and human-led expertise effectively is key in enabling us to deliver on that. Our latest round of promotions, recognising the contribution and expertise of 44 colleagues across the firm, reflects that focus.'

'In particular, I'm really excited about the part both Lelani and Erick will play in leading and shaping PwC's strategic direction in the Channel Islands. Both newly admitted Partners bring unique skills, experience and innovative ideas to the partnership team. I'm confident that their respective passions, skills and abilities will strengthen not only our partnership culture but also our investment in the future success of our Channel Islands practice.'

BWCI



Anthony Brewer has been promoted to Partner at BWCI.

He works within BWCI's Investment and Pensions

Consultancy teams and provides advice to clients on a wide range of topics, including long-term strategy and investments. He also leads BWCI's services to defined benefit pension schemes looking to wind-up, for example through an insurance buy-out.

Stephen Ainsworth, BWCI's Senior Partner, said: 'Anthony has been leading an expanding part of our consultancy services, particularly to defined benefit pension schemes and is a first-rate consultant. We are delighted to welcome him to the partnership.'

CLICKSMITH



Digital marketing agency Clicksmith has promoted Toby Beasley to Lead Designer. In his new role, he will lead the agency's design team.

'From joining Clicksmith

straight after my A-levels to now leading the creative team, I've had the opportunity to grow alongside the business. As the company has evolved, so have my skills, ambitions and responsibilities,' he said.

Clicksmith MD George Bett said: 'Toby's promotion to Lead Designer is testament to his importance to the Clicksmith team. Toby's unwavering drive to deliver the best for our clients perfectly aligns with the ethos of Clicksmith as a whole. We feel extremely fortunate to have such a talented designer as part of our agency and look forward to seeing him continue to flourish in his new role.'

JT



JT has appointed two senior leaders to its Channel Islands' business. Clive Goodwin joins as chief commercial

officer, while Ben Carter has been appointed head of enterprise. Together, they will play a key role in accelerating JT's strategic priorities.

Andy Green CBE, chair of JT, said: 'We are delighted to welcome Clive and Ben to JT

at such an exciting time for our business and the Channel Islands.'

'Jersey's full 5G standalone network and the ongoing roll-out in Guernsey mark a step change in connectivity, opening up new possibilities for our customers, our government partners, and the wider community.'

'Clive's strategic and commercial leadership, combined with Ben's strong enterprise expertise, will be instrumental in helping us realise this opportunity – strengthening our position as a trusted partner and driving innovation across the islands.'

DLM ARCHITECTS



James Hookway has been promoted to Associate Director at DLM Architects.

He joined the firm in 2016, and

has played an integral role since then in the growth of the practice.

Director David De La Mare said: 'James has been a tremendous asset to DLM Architects since joining us in 2016. His technical knowledge, professionalism and dedication to delivering the highest standards for our clients have made him an integral part of our team. This promotion is thoroughly deserved, and I look forward to seeing James continue to help shape the future of the practice as Associate Director, while also leading the ongoing development and implementation of new technologies across the business to enhance the way we design, collaborate and deliver projects.'

BANK ASTON



Bank Aston has appointed Nick Leale as chief operating officer.

Mr Leale brings more than 25 years of senior banking leadership experience to the role

and will be responsible for overseeing the bank's operational strategy, business support functions, and the continued development of its operating model. He rejoins the Bank, having supported with their licensing application throughout 2024.

Paul Gorman, CEO of Bank Aston, said, 'We are delighted to welcome Nick back to Bank Aston.'

'His deep expertise across all aspects of banking operations, combined with a strong track record of driving transformation, building high-performing teams and building sustainable client relationships, makes him exceptionally well placed to lead our operations as we continue to grow. We look forward to the contribution he will make to the business and to our clients.'

'The C-Suite – along with the Board – is truly top-class and has enabled us to lay strong foundations for launch later this year.'

WALKERS



Walkers has announced 10 promotions across its Guernsey office.

Danielle Brouard and Charlotte Goncalves have both been promoted to the partnership, while Alison Antill and Rebecca Hale in insolvency & dispute resolution, and Camilla Hobbs in banking & finance, become senior counsel.

Grace Cummings has also been promoted to senior associate in private capital & trusts, with four further promotions across the firm's business services teams. Matt Sanders, managing partner of Walkers' Guernsey office, said: 'On behalf of the entire Guernsey office, my congratulations to Danielle and Charlotte on their promotions to partner, and to everyone across the office who has been recognised this year. These well-earned promotions span the full breadth of our practice, and each reflects the standards our clients rely on. It has been an excellent year for the office, particularly with our recent 10-year celebrations.'

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OCORIAN



Andy Bailey, who joined Ocorian in 2025 and has served as head of private client for Guernsey and the Isle of Man, has been appointed country head for Guernsey at Ocorian.

In his expanded role, Mr Bailey will lead Ocorian's Guernsey business, in addition to overseeing the group's private client strategy across Guernsey and the Isle of Man. He will be responsible for leading

Ocorian's management team in Guernsey and managing regulatory relationships.

'I am pleased to take on this expanded role at Ocorian. Having joined the business in 2025, I have seen first-hand the strength of our teams and the quality of the solutions we deliver for clients. I look forward to building on that platform, whilst continuing to deliver for the UHNW families who trust us with their most complex needs,' he said.

He succeeds Ben Hill, who moves to focus fully on his group-wide responsibilities as global head of fund services.

MOURANT



Mourant has appointed Helen Wyatt as managing partner of its Guernsey office.

She will succeed John Lewis, who will continue as a partner at the firm.

Ranked as a 'Leading Partner' in Legal 500, her work spans a wide range of corporate matters, with a particular focus on financial regulation.

'I am delighted to accept the role of Guernsey Managing Partner and thank John for his sterling work and many achievements during his term,' she said. 'Our Guernsey practice continues to go from strength to strength as we add capabilities and experience, while also encouraging and nurturing new talent.'

'Guernsey continues to develop and innovate as a jurisdiction backed by a comprehensive professional service ecosystem and I look forward to embracing this exciting new challenge to drive the business forward.'

TITAN WEALTH



Titan Wealth has made two appointments to its financial planning team.

Lisa Davies joins as a wealth consultant

alongside client support administration Yasmin McDermott. They are the first to join the financial planning team at Titan Wealth following its acquisition and rebrand of Advisa Wealth.

'The financial planning team joined us at Titan House earlier this year and we have already established a close working relationship so that we can provide clients with financial planning and investment advice. The increase in financial planning work meant we needed to grow the team and so Lisa's experience, expertise and reputation will benefit our clients and help continue growing the business,' said Kevin Boscher, Managing Director of Titan Wealth in Jersey.

STUDIO



Ben Hewlett has been promoted to associate director at Studio.

Since 2021, he has served as Studio's senior chartered technologist, leading the

technical team and focusing on the technical aspects of design and construction. As associate director, Mr Hewlett will continue to play a key role in shaping project strategy, mentoring and developing team members,

and maintaining strong relationships with clients, consultants and contractors.

'My first five years at Studio have been demanding yet fulfilling and rewarding, and I'm excited to be stepping up into this new role as we continue to push the practice forward,' he said. 'It's a pleasure to work on such a broad range of interesting projects, commissioned by fantastic clients and delivered by skilled engineers, contractors and consultants.'

'I'm grateful to Oliver [Westgarth, Studio founder and chartered architect] for the opportunity to join the management team, and to my talented colleagues for their hard work and great company. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the next five years'



MACBETH GUERNESIAIS

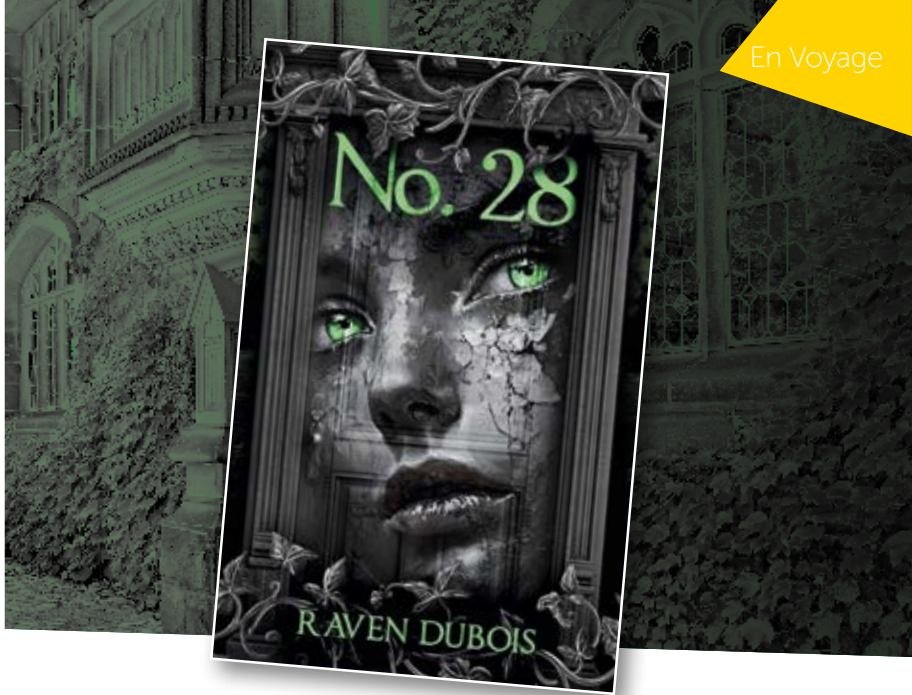
THE GUERNSEY LANGUAGE COMMISSION HAS KINDLY SHARED A TRANSLATION OF ACT IV SCENE I FROM MACBETH AS TRANSLATED INTO GUERNESIAIS BY THOMAS MARTIN.

According to the Priaulx Library, Thomas Martin (1839–1921) proved that Guernesiais could convey the most elevated thought. He translated the Bible, the plays of William Shakespeare, plays by Corneille, Molière, and Voltaire, and The Spanish Student by Longfellow into Guernsey French.

- 1 Sor:** Trèe feis l'cat taqui a miaoulai.
2 Sor: Trèe feis l'pouchè d'fossai couinai.
3 Sor: Haut temps: car Harper la keryai
1 Sor: Tout l'touar dla cauegaïere allai;
Bouailles pouaizounaies d'dans mettai.
Crapaud, sous roque la pu frède
Jeurs et nies qua trente kun rede
V'lin cauffai yeux par dormi
Dans l'pot charmai l'prumiè boui.
Tous: Doublle double travaille et cuit;
Faeu brûle donc et caueguïere boui.
2 Sor: Fin dard d'un d'bara aspie,
Dans la caueguïere boui et cuit;
leil de mauve, et orte d'raïene,
Langue de tchaen, d'catsouaris laiene,
Dent d'vipere, d'orvé lancette,
Pi d'lizarde, aïele de cahouette,
Pour un charme d'un grand trouble,
Comme soupe d'enfer boui et trouble.
Tous: Doublle, doublle travaille et cuit;
Faeu brule donc et caueguïere boui.

- First Witch** Thrice the brinded cat hath mewed.
Second Witch Thrice, and once the hedge-pig whined.
Third Witch Harpier cries "'Tis time, 'tis time!"
First Witch Round about the cauldron go;
In the poisoned entrails throw.
Toad, that under cold stone
Days and nights has thirty-one
Sweltered venom sleeping got,
Boil thou first i' th' charmed pot.
The Witches circle the cauldron
All Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.
Second Witch Fillet of a fenny snake
In the cauldron boil and bake.
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blindworm's sting,

Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.
All Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.



BOOKS TO HUNKER DOWN WITH DURING THE SPOOKY SEASON

LOCAL WRITER RAVEN DUBOIS HAS RECEIVED GLOWING PRAISE FOR HER DEBUT NOVEL, NO. 28, WITH ONE READER DESCRIBING IT AS 'LIKE AGATHA CHRISTIE AND ALFRED HITCHCOCK HAD A BABY AND THE GRANDFATHER IS SOMEHOW EDGAR ALLAN POE.'

Despite writing a psychological thriller, Raven admits she had never read one herself.

'People ask how I knew how to structure a thriller when I had no experience of reading one. I simply wrote an honest account of the unravelling lives of the residents of No. 28 without thinking about how it would be received.'

Set in a Victorian house divided into apartments, No. 28 follows five women linked by a dark secret. The owner, Alana, is losing her grip on reality, while her psychiatrist finds his own perceptions challenged. As deception grows, those connected to the house are drawn into deadly events.

Raven credits her love of books and writing to childhood reading and a passion for English at school. Reviewers have described No. 28 as 'beautifully written, haunting and descriptive' and 'poetic'.

After 30 years in finance, Raven questioned whether she could write a novel at all.

'The characters arrived one day, camped out in my head and refused to leave me in peace until their story was told.'

Rather than meticulously planning the plot, Raven allowed the story to develop naturally.

'I wasn't even 100% sure how it was going to end, but it wrote itself. Once I started writing, the words flowed naturally.'

Much of the novel's tension comes from exploring the human mind rather than graphic violence. One character is a crime writer whose latest novel is told from the perspective of a serial killer, a storyline Raven particularly enjoyed writing.

Raven completed the book over about three years while working in finance.

Finding a publisher proved equally challenging. After little response from literary agents, she approached Troubadour Publishing, which accepted No. 28 and provided editorial, design and marketing support.

'The team has provided me with incredible support and I thoroughly recommend them.'

Although she once thought she could never write another book after investing so much

into her debut, Raven has already started developing ideas for a second novel.

'I've come up with an idea for another psychological thriller, so I'm back riding the rollercoaster again.'

No. 28 is available online from Amazon, Waterstones, TG Jones and Barnes & Noble.

SUGGESTED BOOKS WITH A GUERNSEY CONNECTION:

From Raven Dubois:
The Encia Trilogy - a dystopian fantasy book series, by N.K. Harrison

From Adam Bayfield, Guille-Allès Library:
The Ghost of Seagull Cottage by Anne Allen - a ghost story set in Guernsey.

From Claire Allen, Guernsey Literary Festival:
Dark Sky Island/The Devil's Claw by Lara Dearman



ISLAND OF GLASS

LOOK OUT OF THE AEROPLANE WINDOW OVER GUERNSEY AND YOU'LL SEE FLASHES OF LIGHT BETWEEN THE FIELDS AND GRANITE WALLS: HUNDREDS OF GLASSHOUSES CATCHING THE SUN, EACH ONE OF THEM A BIT OF GUERNSEY HISTORY.

Anna Stothard wrote the first draft of her last novel inside one, out on the west coast of the island.

Many of the panes were broken, brambles pushing through gaps and ivy slowly pulling the building apart. The glasshouse owner still grew freesias and clematis in a corner while the rest of the structure was being reclaimed by the landscape. She let me spend months sitting on an old chair in the corner and I fell in love with the light and the mood. There was a cathedral hush inside, and something mesmerising about watching the natural world reclaim a structure that had been designed to control it.

With the otherworldly sense of being observed, of natural impulses breaking out, it seemed the perfect place to set an island thriller. The owner of my writing glasshouse told me that at the height of Guernsey's horticulture industry in the 1950s and 1960s, when she was young, the island had looked like 'a greenhouse in the sea' with more than a thousand acres of the island under glass.

The industry dwindled from the 1970s after rising fuel costs and competition from overseas, leaving so many glasshouses like hers to

fall apart. Their broken windows became tangled with vines, their metal frames slowly disappearing into the landscape.

As I wrote *The Girl in the Glasshouse*, vines advanced towards me a little more each day. My novel opens with a group of adolescent girls playing hide-and-seek among flowerbeds. They dart between plants and hide beneath leaves, convinced that someone is watching them through the glass. A few hours later, one of the girls disappears and the story that follows is both a thriller and a homage to the beauty of Guernsey. While I wrote, the seasons filtered through the broken roof until, eventually, it became too stormy for both freesias and writing under glass but my fascination with these structures continued.

'Glasshouses are spiritual places,' agrees local artist Charlie Buchanan, describing the light, wildness, symmetry and history that she finds in them. Many of her paintings explore an encroaching, magical natural world. In *The Green Chapel*, her diptych of glasshouses currently owned by the Guernsey Museum, nature pours through glass. One panel

depicts her grandmother, who used to sell surplus produce from her garden glasshouse and died before the work was first exhibited. The other depicts Buchanan's daughter, the new generation, framed by the past but standing slightly apart from it.

Another Guernsey artist, James Kail, has been photographing glasshouses since he was fifteen, when he helped out on his grandfather's freesia and produce farm in St Saviour. In spring of 2026, at the Greenhouse Gallery at Candie Museum, he and fellow artist Emma Griffin curated *Making an Honest Living*, an exhibition exploring the island's growing industry and the people whose lives were shaped by it.

The pair have since formed the Greenhouse Collective along with Alisha Flouquet from the Guernsey Art Network. This autumn they transformed three working glasshouses into extraordinary temporary galleries, hanging art from the watering lines and creating painted walkways from found materials.

'It fills me with hope that life within the glass continues to be enjoyed by a newer generation,' Griffin says, describing how meaningful

SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE JUST OLD RELICS BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD BUT GUERNSEY KNOWS HOW TO REPURPOSE... GLASSHOUSES ARE SPIRITUAL PLACES.

it was to see the glasshouse her great-uncle had used for his commercial enterprise become a community space and art gallery.

Artists are not the only ones finding new uses for these old structures. At a 1960s glasshouse in Vazon, *Bailiwick Blue* is growing indigo – not for food, but for colour. The plants are processed into natural dyes and pigments, reconnecting the island's growing tradition with craft while exploring alternatives to synthetic colour. Owner George Fukuda is keeping the island's horticultural tradition alive while finding new possibilities for small, local businesses.

The scale of growing might not be that of the 1960s and 1970s but all over the island hedge-veg stalls are overflowing, brimming with produce. The Soil Farm and Rowan Tree Farm are brilliant examples worth visiting, but one of my favourites to buy vegetables is *Edible Guernsey*, a community glasshouse project focused on regenerative growing methods. Inside there are areas for members' children to play while growers gather and share knowledge: it is about cultivating skills, connection and a different relationship with food.

GROW offers another version of the same idea. The Guernsey charity provides horticultural training and a sheltered working environment for adults with learning disabilities. As part of its redevelopment, two redundant glasshouses were carefully dismantled, relocated and rebuilt as a new growing facility. A structure once designed for commercial production is now helping people grow in a very different sense.

Architecturally and educationally, the Guernsey Botanical Trust is also doing wonderful things. They restored the Victorian glasshouse at Saumarez Park, where there are sketching classes each month and a constant process of educating younger generations about how to grow their own sustainable food supplies.

So those flashes of silver between Guernsey's fields may sometimes look like remnants of a vanished world but actually there are new roots developing underneath. There is art and literature growing. There is food, education, craft and community. Children playing, people learning, writing, and new ideas taking root.

'Some people think they're just

ABOVE L-R: AERIAL VIEW OF GUERNSEY WITH GLASSHOUSES ©ISTOCKPHOTO; ARTWORK FROM THE GREENHOUSE COLLECTIVE; OLD GUERNSEY GLASSHOUSE ©ISTOCKPHOTO; ANNA STOTHARD HEADSHOT ©ELLIOTT MARISS.

old relics by the side of the road but Guernsey knows how to repurpose,' my glasshouse's owner told me. After all, before glasshouses, she said, the island was a place of boat-builders. The distinctive shape of the traditional Guernsey glasshouse was inspired by an upturned boat hull: a bit of maritime knowledge transformed into agricultural architecture. 'And we will continue to find a way to use our history for new adventures,' she said.

When I think now about the glasshouse where I wrote *The Girl in the Glasshouse*, I remember how easily I could have mistaken it for a place at the end of its life: the broken panes, the encroaching vines, the silence. Instead, it became the place where something began. Guernsey's glasshouses were built to create the right conditions for growth. And although the industry that created them has largely disappeared, that purpose has not.

The glasshouses are still growing things, and they are still spectacular. Only now, what grows inside them is much harder to count.

The Girl in the Glasshouse by Anna Stothard is available for pre-order and will be published by Lake Union on 16 November.



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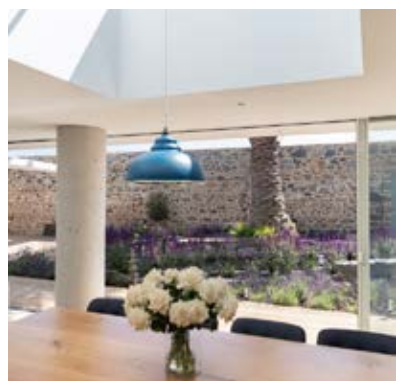


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THE WEST COAST FARMHOUSE

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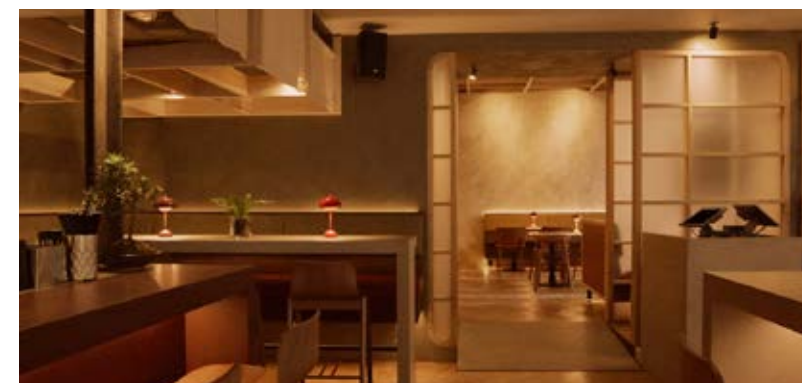
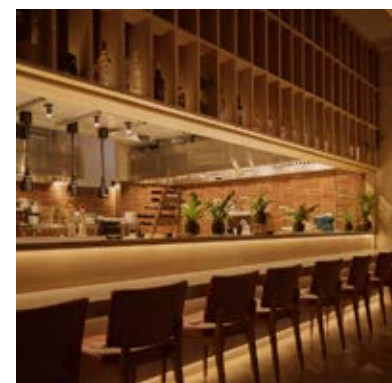
Our sensitive reimagining of a 17th-century Guernsey-granite dwelling restored coherence, light and a meaningful connection to the home's outdoor spaces. Conceived as a lightweight pavilion, the new intervention replaced a redundant conservatory with a refined, fully glazed extension. The result is a composed and immersive environment: a delicate dialogue between granite, glass and garden.



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GUERNSEY DESIGN AWARDS 2026
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Our reinvention of 16–20 Smith Street transformed a protected former post office into an immersive and contemporary home for one of Guernsey's most ambitious hospitality concepts. The design approach balances sensitive restoration with bold, expressive intervention that responds directly to the character and constraints of the historic fabric. Fukku's atmospheric, carefully curated environment elevates the everyday act of dining into something distinctive and memorable.



THE MANOR HOUSE

GUERNSEY DESIGN AWARDS 2026
SHORTLISTED: HERITAGE

A considered architectural response to a layered and evolving historic dwelling, synthesising old and new, balancing restoration with reinvention. We transformed an 18th-century Georgian property – significantly altered through Victorian interventions and later piecemeal 20th-century additions – into a coherent, high-quality family home capable of accommodating contemporary, multi-generational living, proving that heritage value can be meaningfully extended through design.



CI GOLF CHAMPIONS CROWNED

The best golfers from across the Channel Islands delivered a show worthy of their status as four new CI champions were crowned in August.

The L'Ancrese Links, which will host the Hampshire County Championships in 2027, was a spectacular setting in the glorious summer sunshine and the protagonists played their roles to a tee, if you'll pardon the pun.



MELISSA MCMAHON



CHLOE GAUDION

In the main events, the Channel Islands Men's and Women's Championship finals, the reigning title holders Sam Quail and Melissa McMahon respectively made the trip across the water having successfully defended their Jersey crowns.

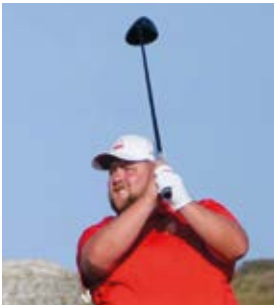
McMahon arrived facing a rematch of her 2025 showdown with Guernsey's Chloe Gaudion while Quail, whose first CI title had come at the start of the season following the rearrangement of his 2025 final due to injury, was going head-to-head with Jeremy Nicolle, who had made a little bit of history in May by becoming the first man to lift the Bachmann Trophy as Guernsey champion at both La Grande Mare and L'Ancrese as he regained the title seven years after his first success.

With the finals played over 36 holes – the first round on Saturday afternoon followed by a concluding second round the following morning – the format allows for twists and turns aplenty as well as the chance to build momentum or stage a big fightback if required.

The outcome was two exciting, if very contrasting, showdowns. Quail quickly established a healthy lead over Nicolle and was 4 up at the turn in the first round, but then the Guernsey champion moved up several gears and produced the type of golf he probably did not even dare to dream of.



JEREMY NICOLLE



SAM QUAIL

The Guernseyman birdied five holes on the back nine to get back to within one overnight and he carried that momentum into Sunday morning with three birdies in the first four holes to take the lead for the first time.

The pair kept exchanging blows with some quality shots throughout the morning, but crucially Nicolle managed to keep his nose in front and went on to claim his first Channel Islands title 2 & 1.

'You don't get these opportunities often, so I went out and fought with everything that I had,' he said.

'To be back-to-back Island champion of any island, Guernsey or Jersey, is extremely difficult and coming into this as defending champion, he obviously wanted to keep that title too. So, yeah, he definitely laid it on me coming in – I think I think we birdied four of the last five between us.'

The women's final was equally fascinating, even though it followed a very different script.

It was a super Saturday for Gaudion as she played solid, composed golf while McMahon regularly found trouble over an unfamiliar course and the Guernsey champion was 6 up by the end of the day.

She knew, though, to expect her opponent to come out fighting the next morning and that's precisely what McMahon did, chipping away at the deficit to close to within two on a couple of occasions and ramp up the tension among the home supporters.

However, Gaudion held her nerve and followed in Nicolle's footsteps by clinching her first CI title on the 35th hole, 3 & 1.

'I played well,' she said. 'It's the third time I've played it and I've lost every previous time, but it was an advantage it was at home because we know the course, we know all the hidden slopes and bunkers.'

'Melissa is a great opponent – and she fights.'



AIDEN WILSON



BOBBY EGGO

The two age-group championship matches both went down to the final hole, albeit the junior final was played over 36 whereas the senior men's contest was over 18.

Jersey's Aiden Wilson just edged out Guernsey's Josh Neville 1 up in a close battle of the teenagers while Guernsey's finest ever golfer Bobby Eggo, who has played in the Walker Cup, finished in thrilling fashion with a two at the last to overcome Jeremy Phillips in the over-55s clash.

TITAN WEALTH BACKS GUERNSEY FC WOMEN WITH THREE-YEAR SPONSORSHIP DEAL

Titan Wealth has strengthened its commitment to local football by becoming the lead sponsor of Guernsey FC Women in a new three-year partnership.

The wealth management firm has been a longstanding supporter of football across the islands. Last year, following its rebrand to Titan Wealth, the company became a founding partner of Victoria Park, securing exclusive sponsorship of the two Titan Wealth Stands. It also extended its backing of the Guernsey Football Association's Football for Everyone programme, supporting the Girls Player Development Centre, youth leagues from Under-13 to Under-18 level and the volunteer development programme.

Titan Wealth also sponsors Guernsey FC players and employees Niall Hainsworth and Simon Arnold.

'The team at Titan Wealth has been a long-standing supporter of grassroots football and their financial backing has played an important role in helping young players stay in the game and progress into adult and representative football,' said Nic Legg, Guernsey FC's Communications & Commercial Director.



'For them to extend that support to Guernsey FC Women is fantastic. Community clubs like GFC simply couldn't operate without the backing of local businesses. We're delighted to welcome Titan Wealth in an even bigger capacity and look forward to supporting the team over the next three seasons.'

The sponsorship covers the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 seasons and includes front-of-shirt naming rights along with perimeter advertising at Victoria Park.

Mark Bousfield, Managing Director of Titan Wealth in the Channel

Islands, said: 'Our support of football extends beyond Victoria Park and the GFA. We are also proud sponsors of Rangers in Guernsey and JS Juniors in Jersey.'

'Football offers far more than physical activity. It teaches resilience, communication and teamwork, qualities that benefit young people throughout their lives and careers.'

'Supporting Guernsey FC Women is part of our wider commitment to investing in the local community and helping young people fulfil their potential.'

GUERNSEY FINISHES THIRD AT ICC UNDER-19 MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP EUROPE QUALIFIER

The future of Guernsey Cricket has been heralded following a third-place finish at the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup – Europe Division 2 Qualifier, held in Guernsey over the summer.

The Guernsey U19 team, sponsored by Smarter Payments, beat Germany's U19 team by 85 runs in a third-place play-off held at Port Soif. Overall, the island won four of their five games and lost out to eventual runners-up Sweden in the semi-final.

The Italian team walked away with the win by 9 wickets, with Sweden finishing second. Both finalists have proceeded to the next stage of qualification towards the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup, which will be held in 2028.



Guernsey Cricket's Chief Operating Officer, Richard Headington, praised the local team after narrowly missing out on the next stage of World Cup qualification. 'This tournament showcased the fantastic quality of players, coaches and facilities in Guernsey. The

team has managed to handle the pressure of hosting whilst playing top tier cricket, they should come away with their heads held high,' he said. 'This tournament has brought some of Europe's top U19 cricket talent to the island, and the Guernsey team should feel proud to be a part of that group. I have no doubt this experience will live long in the memory of these players, who all have bright futures ahead in the sport.'

'Running such a well-coordinated event could not have been possible without the support of our hard-working volunteers, motivated colleagues at Guernsey Cricket and our U19 team sponsors, Smarter Payments.'

TOP OF THE WORLD

A desire to give something back to sport has led one Guernseyman to the top of the table tennis umpiring world, traveling the globe in the process.

Ben Foote is one of just 25 people in the world to be awarded Gold Badge status by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

He is one of just two Britons to hold this elite level and has officiated at top tournaments including World Cups, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, and the smashes – the equivalent of the tennis grand slams.

‘I got into it by accident really. I used to play at school and at university, just socially, and when I came back from university, I joined the club and they said they needed help umpiring,’ said Ben.

After officiating at club competitions on-island and at junior tournaments in the UK, further opportunities started to come his way.

‘I sort of fell into it at the right time because a couple of people approached me in England and said we’ve got the 2012 Olympics coming up and we need lots of people so would you like to apply for a role?’

Ben was assessed at a World Para tournament in Sheffield in 2011 and made the grade.

‘I was only newly qualified, and I was definitely the youngest there. I got two letters in the post, the first saying I had been selected for the Olympics as a score keeper and then the Paralympics as an umpire. I think that probably inspired me because they were looking for younger people and I was essentially fast-tracked.’

Ben hasn’t looked back. He is continually honing his skills, completing the required training and assessments which culminated in him being awarded Gold status earlier this year.

‘Just after Covid they brought in this Gold Badge. They are trying to raise the standard of officiating and the standard of playing so it’s moving towards professionalisation. You have to do more tournaments, get higher marks in your assessments, and go to seminars and things,’ explained Ben.

‘The idea is it’s difficult to gain but easy to lose so I could lose it in December just because I haven’t done enough tournaments.’

As well as all the training and travel, he’s had to cope with the introduction of new video replay technology around two years ago when officiating China v Korea in the final of the World Cup in China.

‘I was doing the final and the players weren’t really used to it yet. I gave the point to China and the Koreans appealed but they didn’t really know what they were doing. It was obstruction which is a rarely used rule. Basically, the Chinese player had his shirt slightly dangling over the table. So, the point went against China which didn’t go down well.’

‘I think I am the first umpire to have their decision overturned by VAR. It was a lot to get your head around! They used it in London at the World

Championships in April and it’s now a lot better and players are used to it.’

The bigger the tournament though, the bigger the pressure.

‘It’s something you learn. You just block everything else out and watch the game. I found it very hard and tiring initially as you are concentrating so much but I think I’ve learnt to just relax. When the players take a break, I just take a couple of deep breaths.’

He’s also had to cope with the stress of live television.

‘There was one game in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. I did the final and it was an Indian player against an English player. The English player was the favourite, but the Indian was playing really well. It was match point to India and it was a controversial point and basically I had no view, I didn’t see it, the assistant didn’t see it either, so you have to give the point one way so I gave it to India, as I didn’t see any infringement by the Indian player and then that won him the gold medal,’ explained Ben.

‘The music came on, a volunteer ran on, picked up the ball – they auction it off, so they didn’t want anyone stealing it. The assistant umpire completed the match on the score pad. It was on BBC One at the time because the English player was potentially going to win the gold medal, then the players had a little discussion and the Indian player didn’t think he’d made a mistake but he said that if he genuinely thought he had done that then he would be happy to give away the point.’

‘The problem was we had no ball because the volunteer had run off with it, the music was playing, and the crowd were cheering because they thought it had finished. The scoring system completely shut down and you are not allowed to play without the scoring system, so we had to call the IT guy who was up in the crowd to come down and re-set the scoring system which took five minutes, and this was all on live TV. The camera zoomed in on me and the TV commentator said, “what a pressured situation for the young umpire from Guernsey”.’

The Indian player went on to win the re-played point and secure the gold medal.

‘The music went on and the volunteer ran on again to grab the ball, and it was all a complete déjà vu, and I thought, finally it’s actually finished!’

Ben has definitely had some incredible experiences and he’s keen for others to give umpiring a go.

‘I would encourage people to consider officiating as it’s the skills you learn and can apply in your career or everyday life. You learn a lot about decision making, communication, staying calm under pressure.’

‘Just start at a low level just helping out. Every sport needs volunteers and officials. Often its parents who help out or people who play who have a little bit of time. I think sometimes people are a bit scared of officiating because it’s pressure, but it brings such a reward.’



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TEAM GUERNSEY TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN DUBLIN

THIS SUMMER, 97 YOUNG DANCERS FROM GUERNSEY TOOK TO THE WORLD STAGE AS PART OF TEAM GUERNSEY AT THE DANCE WORLD CUP IN DUBLIN.

The Dance World Cup brings together thousands of talented young dancers from 60 countries, creating an incredible opportunity to perform, compete and experience different cultures through their shared passion for dance. For Team Guernsey, months of rehearsals, commitment and teamwork culminated in the chance to represent their island on an international stage.

For the 97 local students from GATE, Music Box and Starlight taking part, the experience was about much more than competition.

It was an opportunity to build confidence, make new friends and create memories that will last a lifetime. From the excitement of travelling together to the atmosphere of performing in Dublin, it was a hugely rewarding experience for dancers, teachers and families alike, all made possible with the generous support of Team Guernsey's sponsors, TISE, The Sarah Groves Foundation, Guernsey Arts and Healthspan.

Getting to Dublin was particularly convenient this year thanks to Aurigny's direct Guernsey to Dublin service. Avoiding connections via the UK made travelling with a large team all with costumes and luggage considerably easier.



FROM THE EXCITEMENT OF TRAVELLING TOGETHER TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF PERFORMING IN DUBLIN, IT WAS A HUGE REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR DANCERS, TEACHERS AND FAMILIES ALIKE.

From a small island to a global stage, Team Guernsey showcased the incredible talent, dedication and community spirit of Guernsey, proving that great things really can come from a small island.

RETURNED WITH SUCCESS

Team Guernsey returned from the Dance World Cup in Dublin with an outstanding 31 Top 10 finishes, including sixth place in the world for Guernsey in the overall Country Ranking for the Song & Dance genre.

A total of 11 performances achieved Top 6 results, recognised as outstanding placings across ballet, tap, acro, song and dance, showstopper, and trio categories. These results demonstrate the exceptional standard, talent and consistency of Team Guernsey's dancers on the international stage.



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NEVER NORMAL:

SIMON LYCETT ON FLOWERS, CREATIVITY AND COMING TO GUERNSEY

International floral designer Simon Lycett will visit Guernsey this October in support of Cancer Research UK and Floral Guernsey.

Known for creating spectacular displays for royalty, celebrities and major events, he spoke to Amanda Eulenkamp about creativity, seasonality and the enduring power of flowers.

YOU'VE VISITED GUERNSEY BEFORE. WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO RETURN?

The last time I came to Guernsey was in 2008, when Mary Kirkpatrick invited me over. You don't say no to Mary, and you certainly don't say no to Guernsey.

This will be a flying visit. We're a bit like floral ninjas. We get parachuted in, do our thing and disappear again. But I'm delighted to be coming back and sharing what I do with people on the island.

YOU'RE SELF-TAUGHT, YET YOU'VE WORKED FOR ROYALTY, CELEBRITIES AND PRESTIGIOUS CLIENTS. WHAT INSPIRES YOUR WORK?

Regardless of who the client is, the inspiration is always the same: understanding the individual.

I want arrangements to feel personal and authentic. Seasonality is equally important. We're entering a wonderful period when British flowers and foliage offer an incredible range of colour and texture.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE FLOWER?

I'm hopelessly fickle. At the moment, it's dahlias because they're looking spectacular. Then again, the nasturtiums in my London garden are performing brilliantly too. Ask me again in half an hour and I'll probably have changed my mind.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE PEOPLE TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR DEMONSTRATIONS?

I want people to realise flowers don't have to be intimidating or expensive. Anyone can create something impressive with huge budgets. What interests me is showing people how to create beautiful arrangements with a few bottles, some garden flowers or a handful of stems from a local florist. I want people to leave feeling inspired to have a go themselves.

YOU'VE SPOKEN ABOUT THE WELLBEING BENEFITS OF FLOWERS AND GARDENING. WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

Many of us spend our lives indoors and disconnected from nature. As an RHS ambassador, I've seen growing evidence of the positive impact plants and gardens can have on wellbeing. Growing something, being outdoors and getting your hands in the soil can be hugely beneficial. Flowers encourage us to nurture, reconnect with nature and create beauty. They have a remarkable ability to soften the rough edges of life.

GUERNSEY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF FLOWER GROWING, PARTICULARLY FREESIAS. DOES THAT RESONATE WITH YOU?

Absolutely. When I first visited New Covent Garden Flower Market, Guernsey freesias, carnations and roses were a regular sight. What I remember most was the fragrance.

Sometimes modern breeding has prioritised form and longevity over scent. That's one reason I love working with seasonal British flowers whenever possible.

HAS THIS YEAR'S HOT SUMMER CREATED CHALLENGES FOR FLORISTS?

It certainly has. The weather has been wonderful for outdoor entertaining but challenging for flowers. Fortunately, florists are used to adapting.

I've worked extensively in the Middle East and learnt that flowers are far tougher than people think. If they're properly conditioned and hydrated, they can perform beautifully even in demanding conditions.

WHAT'S THE SECRET TO MAKING CUT FLOWERS LAST LONGER AT HOME?

It's much simpler than people imagine. Keep vases clean, trim stems regularly, remove foliage below the waterline and change the water often. Those habits will do far more than any miracle cure or old wives' tales.

Where possible, I also prefer arranging flowers in water rather than floral foam because they tend to last longer.

WHAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING EVENTS YOU'VE WORKED ON?

We recently created flowers for a wedding celebration at the Citadel in Amman, Jordan, an extraordinary historic site overlooking the city.

Large-scale events often come down to logistics, planning and teamwork. Whether we're working at Kensington Palace, the Natural History Museum or overseas, preparation is everything.

HOW DO YOU APPROACH WEDDINGS?

For me, it's always about understanding the people involved. Pinterest boards and colour palettes are useful, but the most important thing is discovering how clients want their flowers to feel. Sometimes they need to be dramatic, sometimes subtle.

I also think flowers should have personality and a sense of humour. The goal is always to create something unique rather than repeat something I've done before.

FINALLY, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SIGNATURE STYLE?

Abundant. Original. Colourful. A little cheeky. Fun. Flamboyant. Always. Never normal.



CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR SEARCH PARTNERS WITH GUERNSEY MIND AND MIND JERSEY

Channel Islands Air Search (CIAS), Guernsey Mind and Mind Jersey are launching 'We See You', a collaborative mental health awareness initiative aimed at building awareness and breaking stigma across the islands.

The partnership comes as new figures reveal that nearly half of all Channel Islands Air Search callouts over the past five years have been about missing persons. CIAS has been called upon 107 times from the start of 2021 to the end of 2025, with 45 (42%) of these deployments being missing person searches, highlighting the growing link between emergency response and mental health crises in our island communities.

Nick Griffin, Accountable Manager at Channel Islands Air Search, said: 'When our aircraft is deployed, it means someone is in real difficulty. 42% of our recent missions have involved searching for missing people, and behind every one of those callouts are family members, friends and a community who care deeply.'

'Through 'We See You', we want to reinforce that emergency services are often the last line of support. Prevention and awareness can help reduce the need for searches and ultimately save lives.'

Data from the Guernsey and Alderney Wellbeing Survey 2023 (published October 2024) reinforces the scale of this challenge locally. 12.1% of respondents identified as having low mental health, rising to 26.8% among 16-24-year-olds, while 34.9% reported feeling intensely socially lonely, with the highest levels again among 16-24-year-olds (43%).

Jo Cottell, Chief Executive of Guernsey Mind, said: 'We know from talking to people who contact us at Guernsey Mind that the causes of poor mental health vary widely. There may be one reason, but more often it's a combination of factors, including loneliness, relationship or money worries, work pressures or physical health challenges.'

'Reaching out for help early is the best way to help recovery and there is a wide range of help and support available across the Channel Islands.'

Dr Patricia Tumelty, Executive Director at Mind Jersey, said: 'The impact of mental health crises affects every part of our island communities, and we know that



emergency services are often the last line of support.

'At Mind Jersey, we believe that early intervention and prevention matter. By encouraging people to seek help earlier and by building greater awareness and compassion across our islands, we can reduce the number of people reaching crisis points.'

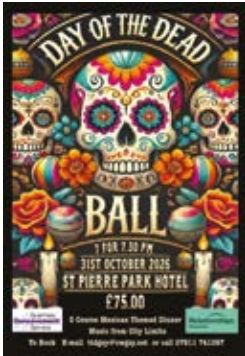
'This collaboration is about sharing and learning, strengthening our understanding of island life and communities, to help keep people safe. We are incredibly pleased to be working alongside Channel Islands Air Search and Guernsey Mind on this important initiative.'

Through 'We See You', the three organisations aim to normalise conversations around mental health, encourage people to check in on one another, and ensure islanders know where to turn before situations reach crisis point.

As a charity not funded by the government, CIAS relies on public support and donations to remain operational. The focus of this initiative is not only on responding to emergencies but reducing the need for them.

For more information about Channel Islands Air Search or to donate, visit ci-airsearch.org.

For mental health support:
Guernsey Mind: info@guernseymind.org.gg 01481 722959
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DAY OF THE DEAD: FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES, 31.10.26

Dia De Los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, is a time to honour and remember loved ones, through music, dancing, food, and storytelling.

Celebrate life in a night filled with joy, culture, and community, with entertainment and a Mexican-inspired menu, while raising money for Guernsey Bereavement Service and Relationships, Guernsey. The ball takes place at St Pierre Park Hotel.

To book email ttdgsy@cwgsy.net or call 07911 741097.

NEW DIRECTOR COMPLETES ALDERNEY'S CONNAUGHT CARE BOARD

Healthcare professional Clare Arnold – who worked at Queen's Road Medical Practice as the Head of Health Management and is also a Health Care Assistant – has joined the Board of Directors at The Connaught Care Home with responsibility for care support.

She has spent the last three years working as a Project Manager for Health and Social Care helping to develop the Electronic Patient Record system as well as working for Public Health and running projects to help transform Health and Social Care across the Bailiwick. She is also a Director of SafetyNet Guernsey – a charity that works towards improving the safety of people in the night-time economy.

'I am delighted to join the Board of The Connaught as Care Support Director,' she said. 'I am passionate about delivering high-quality, person-centred care and support. I look forward to working with colleagues, residents, members of the community and their families as we continue to build on The Connaught's strong reputation and further enhance the services we provide.'

Chair Judy Craske said: 'Clare is passionate about The Connaught's work as one of the largest care homes in the Bailiwick, along with our domiciliary care programme. We are delighted to welcome her on board.'

As a charity, The Connaught's mission is to deliver affordable and sustainable care to the senior residents of Alderney.



L-R: Will Pierce, Finance & Commercial Operations Director; Alistair Forrest, Community Engagement Non-Executive Director; Liz Bowskill, Operations Executive Director; Judy Craske, Non-Exec Chair; Clare Arnold, Care Support Non-Exec Director.

TITAN WEALTH GOLF DAY RAISES OVER £22,000 FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT JERSEY



This year's Titan Wealth golf day raised more than £22,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey, taking the total amount raised through the event to over £300,000.

Previously organised by Advisa Wealth, the annual event at La Moye was held under the Titan Wealth brand following its acquisition of the business.

'The golf day was a huge success and further cemented the Titan Wealth brand in the island following our support of events including the Hospice 10k, Jersey Marathon Relay, Swimathon and STEP Ball,' said Sophie Yabsley, Managing Director of Titan Wealth in the Channel Islands.

'It was fantastic to enjoy the incredible course at La Moye while raising more than £22,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey. Hearing from Kat Freeman about the charity's invaluable work, we know the

money raised will make a real difference. It was also wonderful to welcome Christa Roberts, who ran more than 300km in June to mark one year since her breast cancer diagnosis and spoke openly about the support she received from Macmillan.'

Twenty-four teams took part, with competitions including nearest the pin and longest drive adding to the day's competitive spirit. Van Mossel won the team event, William Church claimed nearest the pin, while Matt Fielding and Rajah Abusrewil won the longest-drive challenges. A raffle and auction featuring prizes donated by local businesses also contributed to the fundraising total.

'This was always the highlight of the Advisa Wealth calendar, so I'm delighted Titan has continued the tradition,' said organiser Paul Frankland, a wealth consultant at Titan Wealth. 'Not only did Titan sponsor the day, but it entered four teams and donated an incredible auction prize. To know the event has now raised more than £300,000 for the charity is very humbling.'

Kat Freeman said Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey receives no government funding, making fundraising events vital.

'The money raised will help fund our wellbeing service, which includes complementary therapies, activities, support, and diet and exercise advice. We know these services make a significant difference to islanders affected by cancer.'

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Sky Café

Enjoy refreshing drinks and snacks at great prices, plus make the most of Aurigny's excellent duty-free offers.

Products listed may be subject to change due to availability.

Light Bites



Muffin - mixed flavours
£3.00



Walker's All-Butter Shortbread 11g
£1.50

Sweet Snacks



Cadbury Nibbly Fingers
125g (Not included in Deals)
£3.50



Nestlé KitKat 4-finger
41.5g
£2.50



Cadbury Dairy Milk
Chocolate Bar 45g
£2.50

Savoury Snacks



Pringles Original
40g
£2.50



Pringles Sour Cream
& Onion 40g
£2.50



Mini Cheddars
45g
£2.50



Sea Salted Pretzels
30g
£2.50



Sour Cream & Chive
Pretzels 30g
£2.50

Great Value Deals

DEAL 1

Any Hot Drink
& Muffin

£5.50

DEAL 2

Any Beer, Cider or
Wine & your choice
of Savoury Snack

£8.00

DEAL 3

Any Soft Drink
& your choice of
Savoury Snack

£4.00

DEAL 4

Any Hot Drink &
your choice of
Sweet Snack

£5.25

DEAL 5

Any Soft Drink &
your choice of
Sweet Snack

£4.00

ALLERGENS

Please be aware that some of our products may contain allergens and some of our customers may bring onboard their own products containing allergens. If you are susceptible to serious complications arising from allergens **it is your responsibility** to make our cabin crew aware of this immediately.

Sky Beverages

Hot Drinks



Clipper
Organic English
Breakfast Tea
£3.00



Clipper
Organic Everyday
Decaf Tea
£3.00



Hot
Chocolate
£3.00



Bean14
Coffee
£3.00



Bean14 Decaf
Coffee
£3.00



Nescafé
Cappuccino
£3.00



Nescafé
Latte
£3.00

WARNING
These drinks are hot. Please handle with care in order to protect yourself and fellow passengers

Oatmilk is available with all hot drinks. Please ask if you would prefer it.

Soft Drinks & Water



Coca Cola Classic 150ml
Diet Coke 150ml
Sprite 150ml
Schweppes Indian Tonic Water 150ml



£2.00

Ballygowan Water

Ballygowan water has a unique mineral content, the result of 750 years of natural filtration through mineral-rich limestone.

Still 500ml
Sparkling 500ml

£2.75



Daymer Bay Orange and Apple Juice

Squeezing the best from nature, inspired by the natural beauty of North Cornwall's Daymer Bay.

250ml

£2.75



Blackcurrant
Ribena 200ml
£2.50

Sky Bar Service

Mini Spirits



£6.50

2 SPIRITS
AND
2 MIXERS
£14

Bacardi Carta Blanca Rum 50ml
Jack Daniel's Whiskey 50ml
Gordon's Dry Gin 50ml
Smirnoff Red Vodka 50ml
Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin 50ml
Bell's Scotch Whisky 50ml
Blue Bottle Gin 50ml
Blue Bottle Pink Gin 50ml

Beers & Cider

Madri Lager 440ml
Thatchers Gold Cider 440ml

£5.50

2 FOR
£10



Wines



2 FOR
£10

Jack Rabbit Sauvignon
Blanc, Merlot, White
Zinfandel or Pinot Grigio
187ml

£6.00



Lunetta Prosecco

200ml

A deliciously light and fruity Prosecco with hints of apple and peach on the nose and a fresh, softly sparkling palate.

£7.50

2 FOR
£14

BLUE BOTTLE DRY GIN



The epitome of boutique distilled gin. Each batch is meticulously crafted in a copper still at the Three Fingers Distillery on Guernsey. Blue Bottle gin has a unique combination of botanicals scrupulously selected to create a delectable treat.

50ml only **£6.50**



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Sky Duty Free

Spirits



Bombay
Sapphire
Dry Gin 1ltr
£22

**2 FOR
£40**

Gordon's London
Dry Gin 1ltr **£14.99**
Smirnoff Red
Vodka 1ltr **£12.99**
The Famous Grouse
Whisky 1ltr **£15.99**

MIX & MATCH
Gordon's Gin and
Famous Grouse Whisky
2 for £26



Wheadon's Gin

70cl

Handcrafted Gin from the Island of Guernsey.
A premium artisan gin distilled in very small batches, Wheadon's seasonal infusions balance locally foraged flavours with a traditional blend of botanicals to produce perfectly balanced gins for a discerning palate.

Inspired by our island home and constantly seeking expressive and unique flavours to delight drinkers, Wheadon's can be enjoyed on the rocks with a garnish, or pairs perfectly with tonic.

£38

Cigarettes & Tobacco

Marlboro Gold	200 / 400s	£63 / £96
Benson & Hedges	200 / 400s	£50 / £87
Lambert & Butler Silver	200 / 400s	£50 / £76
Mayfair King Size	200s	£50
Golden Virginia Tobacco	5 x 50g	£56
Amber Leaf	8 x 30g	£50

ALLOWANCES & PAYMENT

On flights from the Channel Islands to the UK, the allowance includes 200 cigarettes and four litres of spirits. On flights from the UK to the Channel Islands, the allowance includes 200 cigarettes and one litre of spirits. A duty-free service is only available on the ATR aircraft. You must be 18 years old or above to purchase tobacco or alcohol. Major credit or debit cards are accepted.

PLEASE NOTE

Items will not be exchanged/refunded. Please check your duty free purchases before departing the aircraft.

The National Trust of Guernsey

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Our heritage attractions

The Folk and Costume Museum

Set in heritage buildings around a cobbled courtyard at Saumarez Park, the Museum explores Guernsey life through permanent and seasonal exhibitions of traditional skills, domestic objects and an outstanding costume collection. A favourite with visitors and locals, the much-loved Museum Shop adds to the experience with thoughtfully sourced gifts and treats.

Opening times:

31 Mar to 01 Nov

7 days a week: 10.00am - 5.00pm (last entry 4.15pm).

Free entry - donations welcome. The Museum is access-friendly.

How to find us:

Saumarez Park, Castel,
GY5 7UJ | Perry's guide: 15G2 |
Bus routes: 41 & 42.

Les Caches Farm

Set in the peaceful hamlet of Les Villets, Les Caches Farm is a wonderful example of a traditional Guernsey farmhouse and associated outbuildings.

Opening times:

6 May to 27 Sep

Wed - Sun: 10.30am - 12.30pm unless there is a private function. To avoid disappointment please check our website for up-to-date information. Free entry - donations welcome. Les Caches Farm grounds and apple orchard are open all year, for public enjoyment, tours and event opportunities.

How to find us:

Les Villets, Forest, GY8 0HN
Perry's guide: Page 28, D4 |
Bus routes: 71, 91, 92, 93, 94 & 95.
Alight from the bus at the Airport or Forest Stores.

The Victorian Shop and Parlour at 26 Cornet St

This fine St Peter Port restoration includes a Victorian-styled shop, selling delightful gifts and always offering a trip down memory lane.

Opening times:

16 Mar to 3 Oct

Mon - Sat: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Free entry.

How to find us:

26 Cornet Street, St. Peter Port, GY1 1LF | Perry's guide: SPP 5L8-M9 | Bus routes: Any bus route ending at St Peter Port terminus.



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