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Evolutionary theory can be a controversial area of discussion. It's a subject that largely starts with a big bang or a dodgy apple, depending on your orientation, and in some way explains the all singing, all dancing people of the '70s. Yep, the human being that is you. It's a subject you're not meant to discuss with people you don't know, especially on first dates.

The fact that you have a Darwin fish car sticker is never going to make it to a Tinder profile and before you know it you could be swiping right with someone who thinks we all arrived in aeroplanes from another Galaxy. When researching evolution it became apparent we're all unique snowflakes when it comes to where we came from. I therefore thought I'd briefly highlight the craziness of some of the options.

You'll no doubt be aware of Charles Darwin. His camp's evidence suggests that life first evolved around 3.5 billion years ago, illustrated by the existence of microfossils in ancient rock structures in South Africa and Australia. Then it gets a bit muddy, with evolutionists following the party line that is basically the video to 'Right here, right now' by Fatboy Slim. You're basically a tadpole that's done pretty well for itself over time, developing to form all varieties of life as you went. I completely get why religious people of the 1860s thought it sounded preposterous when 'The Origin of the Species' appeared.

By contrast my knowledge of Scientology has largely been formed to date by the teachings of South Park, Tom Cruise and John Travolta. I'd never really considered its view of human evolution. Get ready, this is real. Scientology starts with the story of Xenu, the tyrant ruler of the "Galactic Confederacy". According to Scientology, a tax free religion started in the 1950s, 75 million years ago, Xenu brought billions of people to Earth in spacecraft resembling Douglas DC-8 airliners and exploded them in volcanoes. 'Thetans' were released - spirits who attached themselves to organisms that have guided our subsequent evolution. Sounds almost as crazy as Darwin did in 1859.

We've been writing things down for over 5,000 and considering evolution as intelligent beings for a mere 150 years or so, largely with pen and paper. With our rate of population growth, information sharing and desire for answers I wonder which way populist thought will go, either galvanising or proliferating further in our quest for answers. At this rate someone will probably discover we were created by machines in a matter of months and blow our minds. I hope you enjoy reading Gallery in the mean time.

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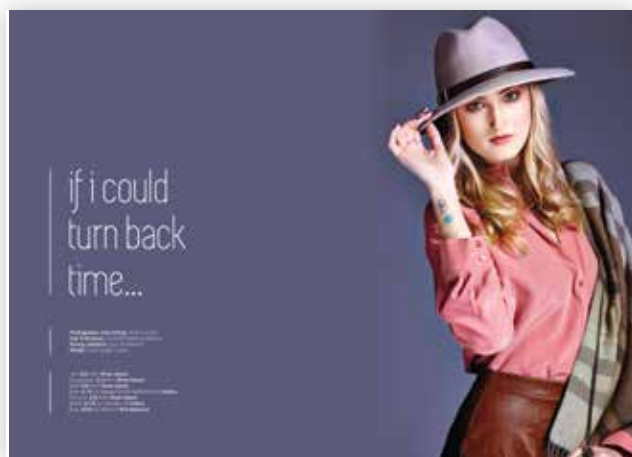
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ON THIS MARCH...

IN JERSEY



02-23.03.15

MAM

JERSEY ARTS CENTRE // £FREE // ALL TIMES (PREVIEW 5:30-7PM ON 02.03.15)

Two local artists Michelle Le Cornu and Ann Morgan have collaborated to create their latest exhibition, MAM, which brings light on the struggle of being a female artist in a field that is (in the mainstream) predominantly male, despite a large increase and increasing strength in feminist art and art theory. The pieces presented in the exhibition will portray the artists' personal experiences of the struggles and is certainly worth paying a visit to and a think about.

12.03.15

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

HAUTLIEU SCHOOL // £FREE // TIME TBC

The Higher Education Fair is a chance for students to learn about education post-18. The event is useful for anyone looking to apply or attend UK universities as being abroad from them makes it hard to visit the universities and attend open days, so the fair brings the universities to you – very useful for sixth-form/college students.

14.03.15

JERSEY FA UNDER 18 MURATTI

SPRINGFIELD STADIUM // £FREE // 12:30PM

Every year Jersey and Guernsey come together to battle it out to see who's better than the other at footy, but they also like to see who's kids are better to, and so came the Under 18 Muratti. The Under 16 Muratti is also played on 21st March at 1:30pm. A great chance to see your kids beat the other island down in a match.

14.03.15

DODOLINGS: GORILLAS

DURRELL WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTRE // £7 PER SESSION // 10:30AM-12:30PM

Every Saturday, Durrell holds a session for youngsters to learn about various animals seen in the wildlife park which teaches them various things that they want to know about those animals. This will have them entertained, learning and saves the annoyance of going around the park getting asked questions you have absolutely no clue about.

21.03.15

PWC YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2015 FINAL

JERSEY OPERA HOUSE // £7.50 (STUDENTS FREE) // 7PM

The PwC Young Musician of the Year is a fierce competition for highly talented young Islanders who hold strong in music, whether it be vocals or viola. The performances are guaranteed to wow you and make parents turn to their kids, point at the young performers and say "How come you can't do that?"

21-22.03.15

JERSEY TELLINGTON TTOUCH WORKSHOP

LEOVILLE SPORTS CLUB // £70 PER WORKSHOP // 9.30AM-5.30PM

Xtra Dog TTouch is bringing to the island a Tellington TTouch workshop for your pups – Tellington TTouch is a teaching method for dogs that involves different exercises to practise co-ordination, balance and athletic ability. This event is a chance to take your dogs out and get them active.



22.03.15

JERSEY TRIATHLON CLUB DURRELL DUATHLON

DURRELL WILDLIFE PARK // £10 (£5 TRI-CLUB MEMBERS, £2 JUNIORS) // 6:45AM SENIORS, 8:30AM JUNIORS

The Jersey Triathlon Club and Durrell Wildlife have come together to create the Durrell Duathlon or 'Durrell Double'. The event will involve participants to cycle and run. The duathlon will be separated by ages, the Senior race (ages 15 and upwards) and the Junior race (ages 7-11). For more information visit durrell.org or e-mail info@jerseytriclub.com

28.03.15

KEEPERTIME

DURRELL WILDLIFE PARK // £33PP

This hands-on workshops is designed for 12-18 year olds to find out what it is like being a keeper: cleaning out animals, going behind the scenes, preparing food. Max four people per workshop to maximise hands-on opportunities. Places must be booked in advance. Email Anna.Shipley@durrell.org for a booking form.

22.03.15

MOTOCROSS AT SOREL POINT

SOREL POINT // £FREE // 10AM-5PM

Youngsters and teenagers speeding it on a motorcycle on a dangerous muddy course? Every parent's nightmare! But maybe you're not a parent and this event is perfect for you – The Motocross at Sorel Point is on almost every fortnight on Sundays. All are welcome and there is catering on site. Visit jerseymotorsport.com for more information.





IN GUERNSEY

14.03.15

GUERNSEY ARTS COMMISSION LANTERN PARADE

CHURCHILL AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE PARK // £FREE

Guernsey Arts Commission, in conjunction with Sarah Groves Foundation who have agreed to back the parade for another three years, have commissioned the Lantern Parade with the youth at mind. The parade will bring lantern making workshops and music in celebration of entering the spring. The public congregates on Churchill Avenue and are then lead down a path following down to Albert Pier.



19-22.03.15

ALDERNEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

ALDERNEY // £FREE // ALL TIMES

Alderney will be hosting its first ever literary festival this year, their premier theme for the festival is 'Facts & Fiction', based around the historic stories of the island. The festival will host multiple presentations and workshops from well-known names at various locations around the island. It will definitely be something new to enjoy.

28.03-04.10.15

CELTS AND ROMANS: TREASURE AND TRADE

GUERNSEY MUSEUM AT CANDIE // £FREE // ALL TIMES

This exhibition at the Guernsey Museum at Candie is a show of recent discoveries related to the Celts and the Roman empire, with shows of chariot fittings, ancient French statues, restored timbers from Guernsey's Roman ship and chance to see the hoard of silver coins that were found in Jersey some time ago.

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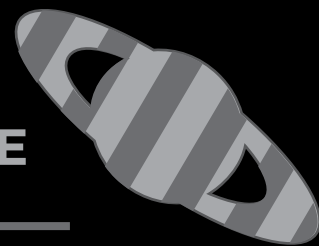
THE BRIDGE EXHIBITION

GUERNSEY MUSEUM AT CANDIE // £FREE // ALL TIMES

Soon closing, 'The Bridge' is a photographic exhibition that explores the lives of the population of The Bridge itself in St Sampson. The exhibition opened at the end of January and is closing in the very near future, so act fast if you want to see it, it's well worth a visit!

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07.03.15

MILLION WOMEN RISE

LONDON, ENGLAND // £FREE // 12PM

Million Women Rise is a female-exclusive march raising awareness and fighting against male violence against women. The massive group of women gather in central London and march to Trafalgar Square where they hold their rally. The march is to raise awareness of all male violence, including FGM, sexual violence, domestic violence and more. For more information, visit millionwomenrise.com.

14-22.03.15

MELBOURNE FASHION WEEK

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA // \$VARIES (£VARIES) // TIMES VARY

Can you imagine New York Fashion Week if everyone talked in Australian accents? Because this is it. Melbourne Fashion Week will host collections from various designers, with David Jones opening the event.

20-22.03.15

THE FEST (FOR BEATLES FANS)

SEACAUCUS, NJ // \$FREE (£FREE) // ALL TIMES

The Fest is (supposedly) the largest Beatles convention in the world. The convention is held at the Empire Meadowlands Hotel in Seacaucus, New Jersey. If you're insanely obsessed with The Beatles, then this could be the time for you to, wait for it, come together, with your brethren.

25-29.03.15

OKINAWA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

OKINAWA, JAPAN // ¥FREE (£FREE) // ALL TIMES

Japan will be hosting its 7th Okinawa Film Festival. The festival hosts two categories - 'Laugh and Peace'. 'Laugh' hosts international entries for comedy films, while 'Peace' hosts dramas and documentaries. Each category has a award for best film, called the Uminchu Award and another award for best film in either category, the Golden Shisa Award.

27.02-14.03.15

STRONG BEER FESTIVAL

MUNICH, GERMANY // €FREE (£FREE)

It's like Oktoberfest, but not for lightweights - the Munich Strong Beer Festival is an event dedicated to exactly what you might think. All the beers have an ABV of roughly 7.5%, but apart from that, the festival also hosts multiple activities and events, mostly beer-related and if you don't enjoy them, then you can always enjoy exploring the beautiful city of Munich, albeit drunk.





I rather like science: evolution and other controversial theories

WORDS Alfie Moss (guest teen columnist)
ILLUSTRATION Sarah Gabison

BACK IN THE DARK AGES, BEFORE SMARTPHONES AND THE INTERNET, THE POSSIBILITIES FOR BEING WRONG ABOUT THINGS WERE PRETTY MUCH ENDLESS. WITHOUT SIRI OR GOOGLE TO DO YOUR THINKING FOR YOU, IF YOU NEEDED TO SETTLE AN ARGUMENT YOU HAD TO FIND A BOOK, WHICH IS A SORT OF RETRO, VINTAGE WEBSITE PRINTED ON PAPER.

They didn't move and were rubbish at doing pictures, like a Kindle. If you wanted to be in with a chance of being right you had to absorb enough basic knowledge in your brain to find your way to a place that had books and then read one appropriate to whatever it was you were arguing about. Then you had to walk back, and hope your opponent hadn't bored themselves to death or just caught on fire. It's amazing that anybody bothered, but clearly they did, otherwise I don't know how they would have inserted all those facts into Siri or Google in the first place.

Lots of these books were about science, an über-cool form of knowing about things which does more than just produce sweet pictures to share on Facebook: it is in fact a specially-designed way of arguing about what is right without getting angry and punching someone. If knowing about things is a monster truck, then science is the keys that start the engine. And petrol. And also the engine. As the title says, I really like science.

What is super weird is that levels of science in the atmosphere are higher than ever, but people are still wrong about up to 50% of all things. I don't know if this is caused by the forces of gravity or Youtube's decision to tempt fate by including a 'dislike' button, but it doesn't make a lot of sense to me. We've been around for 2015 years, so you'd think that people would have at least been taking notes as to what still needed proving, even after the world agreed that Hitler was wrong about everything except the Volkswagen Beetle. Here are four where the jury is still out, so avoid talking about them when you're out of 3G reception unless you feel like getting punched.

Science controversy #1: the theory of evolution

Over a great many years, science has established that mankind evolved from apes, who used to be in charge of the planet before they blew it up and forgot how to speak as a kind of punishment. I'm not certain of the details, but it probably involves DNA and Stephen Hawking (the original Dr Who). What I do know is that most people agree with this theory, apart from a very small number of people who don't agree with any science that isn't recorded in a religious book. They don't even agree with other religious people, like Charles Darwin and that Muslim who invented maths (Mr Al Gebra). Most of these people live in America,

where if you want to you are allowed to go to a school in somebody's garage that teaches that dinosaurs died out because they couldn't fit on Noah's Ark. That does sound pretty cool, but unfortunately for them I've seen the story of how Darwin first set up Jurassic Park, and I didn't hear any praying going on.

Verdict: evolution must be real, otherwise how do you explain labradoodles, and parrots that have learned to swear?

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Science controversy #2: vaccines

A vaccine is a special kind of injection that stops small illnesses (measles; the lurgy) from getting big enough to turn into serious ones like ebola or cirrhosis of the liver. Vaccines are recommended by doctors, who are at university for ten years to learn how to be right about anything that involves the human body, and playing golf. Doctors are extremely sciencey, which is why it costs fifty quid to talk to one for a few minutes. They will tell you that vaccines, which only they are allowed to sell, are good for you. Against doctors is another side who don't like vaccines: mainly a lady who was married to Jim Carey from Dumb and Dumber, and some people who only listen to folk music and eat quinoa. They think that vaccines will react with the fluoride in toothpaste and cause you to do everything the CIA says; they would prefer to live in a world where old people are killed regularly by measles and the lurgy instead of by the CIA at night when nobody is around to see.

Verdict: I think I believe doctors, because they get science from books and computers, whereas the other side get their science from dreams and feelings. When I've got a cold, it's no use just to be given a packet of herbs from somebody who is afraid of gluten and thinks they used to be a dolphin.

Science controversy #3: climate change

Britain doesn't have a climate, it just has different types of rain, but there are lots of

places in the world where having a climate is a real selling point, like Madagascar and Torremolinos. Sadly these places are under threat from factories that make carbon. The carbon is released into the atmosphere through car engines, which causes climates to reverse, like in old cartoons where everything in Australia is upside down.

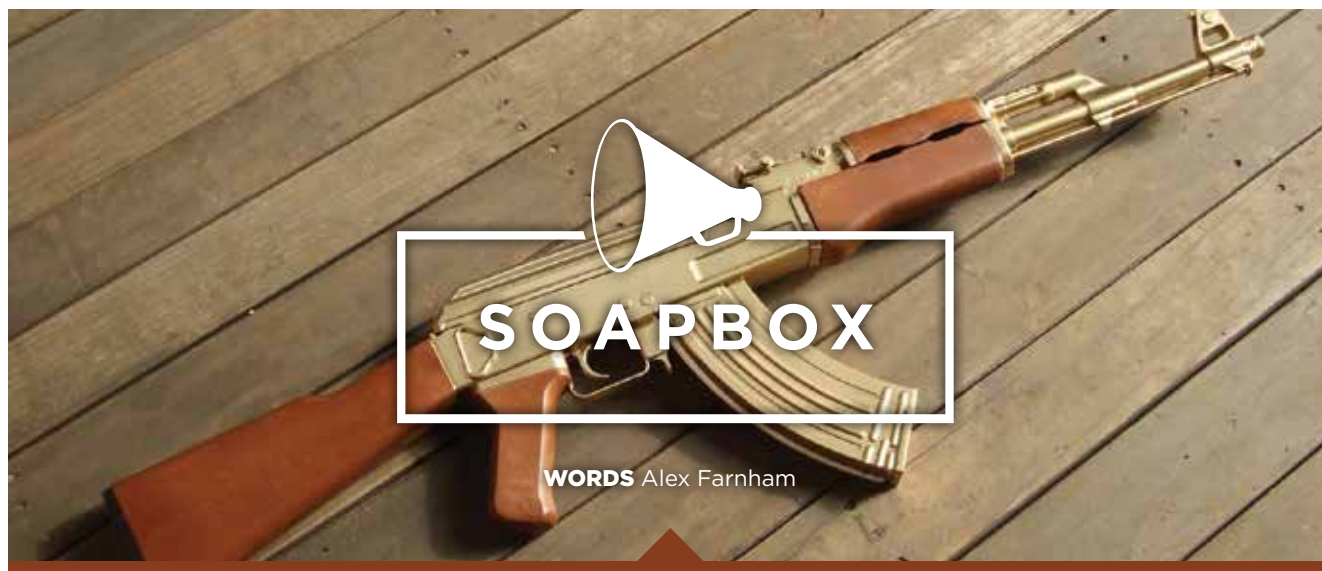
Billionaires who build factories, aeroplanes and cars often insist this isn't happening, and there are even a few scientists who agree, and not just because they all work for companies who sell oil. There are even billionaires who side with the scientists and admit they are changing the climate, but they aren't as worried because they are all friends with Richard Branson and plan to go to the moon as soon as he can build a rocket that doesn't explode.

Verdict: Professor Brian Cox and David Attenborough both say that the climate is changing, but Donald Trump doesn't. Donald Trump has yet to realise that his hair has died and is now a ghost. Nuff said.

Science controversy #4: famous assassinations

Based on what I've read in the comment sections of websites, investigating famous assassinations is one of the few forms of science that you can do yourself. You don't even need to have passed GCSE maths, or to be able to spell, you just need to draw diagrams on MS Paint and sooner or later you'll work out that Osama Bin Laden can't really have done 9/11 first thing in the morning because it takes way too long to get from a cave in Iraq to New York. Seriously, I've been there from London and it takes like three hours just to get through customs. Once you've "opened your eyes" and disproved "so called experts", witnesses and Barack Obama you can teach yourself to be an expert in other famous murders such as JFK, Jack The Ripper, Shergar, Tupac Shakur, Dumbeldore and Princess Diana. My theory is that Puff Daddy was behind them all - he did it because he's a lizard and wants to frighten Richard Branson into making him the only rapper allowed on his moon-base.

Verdict: You can believe Barack Obama, or you can believe somebody that makes youtube videos with gloomy music and spelling mistakes in the captions. It's up to you. Either way Puff Daddy wins.



Fry, pan, batter, flour, pancake, flip, flipping, toss, tossing, tosser, crepe, egg, milk....

There, now that I've got all the words associated with Pancake Day out of the way, we can pretend I made all the appropriate puns and get right down to brass tacks! Hey, here's a fun fact - I used to think it was 'brass tax', and it was like 'let's get down to discussing brass tax', like 'let's get down to business'. After a quick bit of Googling, a theory on the ever-reliable Wikipedia is that it comes from the brass tacks in the counter of a hardware store or draper's shop used to measure cloth in precise units. There we are, only 100 words in and we've already learned something together. For once this article isn't inane crap, but instead contains some cool trivia that may one day help you seal the deal with some lucky lady or fella at a party.

ALEX'S PICK-UP ADVICE: Use the 'brass tacks fact' to 'woo' them early on in the evening, and then later on when you go to kiss them you say 'now, let's get down to brass tacks, shall we?' and move in for the kill. That's some straight up James Bond sh** right there. 'What's that Daniel Craig? Sure, I'd love to come and help with the script for SPECTRE!'

Sorry - let's get back to reality, and back to some sort of main road at least... before I go off on another tangent. Oh hey did you know 'tangent' comes from the Latin verb 'tangere' and.... NO! Stay on track Farnham!

This month, I wanted to talk about giving things up for lent, and I thought that since this is feature is called Soapbox, I should at least be a little bit opinionated... We're

now in the full swing of Lent, and whether you're Christian or not, the idea of Lent has become something of a social norm, a bit like Christmas and getting married, and I guess I'd really like to echo my sentiments from last month, that it's pretty inspiring to watch people actively try and better themselves by giving up something that's bad for them. Yes, even the people who say 'oooooh I'm giving up wine but I don't think I'll survive', as if it's funny to pretend to be an alcoholic. Whether it's smoking, nail-biting, junk food, swearing - fair play to you if you're consciously trying to better yourself. Now, here comes the opinionated bit. I'm going to suggest a few things that maybe we should try and do as a society, or even as humanity as a whole, that might make us more likeable and less depressing to read about in the news.

So, here we are, in a typical self-aggrandising fashion, let's call it: **'Alex's Top 5 Things for Society to Give Up'**

• **Pushing black people off a train and chanting 'we're racist and that's the way we like it'.**

Seriously Chelsea fans? It's not even subtle! Not that I would in any way approve if it was, but Jesus, if you're going to be hateful, at least put some effort into it! Talk about lazy...

• **Shooting cartoonists.**

Or anyone, for that matter. Don't shoot anyone. It's mean and stupid. Guns don't kill people... Oh actually wait, yes they do.

• **Beheading people.**

I'm not religious, but I do think it's important that people are respected in their faith... However, regardless of what you believe in,

if you think the best thing to do is chop off some innocent heads and pop videos of it on YouTube, just stop it please. You're making the rest of us look bad.

• **Farting in an elevator.**

This one's pretty self-explanatory.

• **Being a paedophile in the 80s.**

It seems that Operation Yewtree has been pretty successful in cracking down on the 'turn the other way' mentality that was, for some reason, just fine back in the day. My advice in general would actually just be to give up being a paedophile, full stop. Or even better, just don't be a paedophile in the first place. It's not very nice.

So... there you go - a few things that I think we should all try our best to give up together, so that we can maybe have a less blood-thirsty 2015. It's just my opinion, remember. I'll be completely honest - most of the things I write are to try and get a laugh, so I wouldn't worry about taking it too seriously. Joking aside, however, I do genuinely think that a lot of problems

would be solved if people were just nice to each other. I know it sounds simple and fairly ill-informed, but I don't think it needs to be analysed any further than that. My late Grandpa taught me to never take myself too seriously, because nobody else does. That's advice I live my life by, and I'd recommend it to anyone.

Ah, just quickly before I go... regarding Number 4 on that list - I should inform you that it's ok to fart in an elevator if nobody else is in there with you. Otherwise I'd suggest either holding it in or taking the stairs instead.



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RISE OF THE MACHINES

Amazon currently sells 120 million products. They want however to increase this to one billion. One billion.... Are there really one billion different items in existence? Are there? I know there were an unconscionable quantity of Friends episodes bilged out but this is ridiculous. In order to cope logistically with this hike, and to reduce shipping costs, Amazon has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to start using delivery drones, or "Octocopters", as Jeff Bezos, the founder and CEO of the online giant has since described them.

Let's be clear about this. We are talking about the second largest retailer in the world, dispatching millions upon millions of products, in slow moving drones, and at low altitude, over a starving and austerity addled populous. What do we think might happen? Let's just say that I predict a spike in the number of residences applying for shotgun licences to combat unprecedented "rabbit infestations".

Even if you like the idea of this new service, what happens if your product arrives and you are not in? Will you be greeted on your return home by a printed note on your door mat: "Dear Mr. Kenworthy, we received no response from you to our Facebook alerts, or to shining a laser through your windows. We have therefore dropped your haemorrhoid cream into your next door neighbour's coal bunker. With Kind regards, the Amazon Team". And if you live in a block of flats? Will you receive a text message the day before? "Dear Mrs. Jones. We will be delivering your sunglasses tomorrow. Please understand that our Octocopters do not have functioning hands and can sometimes struggle with interior doors. Kindly be on the roof between the hours of 08:30 and 17:00. Many thanks, Amazon services"

And as if enough people don't hate Amazon as it is. I'm really not sure that one billion items whizzing about in the immediate airspace is going to win people over. On the contrary. We will soon see aggrieved news agents, books shop owners, authors, musicians, corner shop proprietors, redundant post office masters and shopkeepers banding together into great yokel militias, that blast these scabby electric mosquitoes out of the heavens with whatever rudely fashioned munitions they can contrive.

And what, pray, might the seagulls make of all this? A species that is but a hairs breadth from Total War with us as it is. How might they greet these undiscerning imposters zipping around at hatching season? It will be a literal shit-fest.

And when these contraptions fall into the wrong hands? Should we, along with the dog food and hair straighteners and car parts and dildos buzzing about above us, expect petrol bombs and yellow cake and anthrax spores to really give us something to think about? And how might the authorities decide what is a Super-Soaker 2000 approaching the Houses of Parliament and what is a sarin aerosol? How might they adjudge what is a TOWIE box set over Leicester Square and what is a dirty bomb? - Difficult enough to establish at the best of times.

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And how, might you ask, will Amazon counteract this threat? In the only way that they can. They will send up larger drones to monitor the smaller drones. They will have to. They will send up CCTV drones, with anti-personnel devices, to limit and deter the destruction and theft of their property.

So, in the very near future, what we have to look forward to is great swathes of the population battling computer controlled airborne machines for their very survival. And that, ladies and gentleman, is the premise of the film Terminator. What we are seeing is the conception of 'Skynet'. This is real. And it is happening right before our eyes. We are sleeping-walking into a dystopian nightmare.

THE VODKA CONFIDENTIAL

WORDS Grey Goose Girl

SMOOTHING MY TINY PENCIL SKIRT AS I GOT OFF THE BUS, MY HEART WAS LITERALLY BEATING OUT OF MY CHEST.

I arrived at the restaurant, the first ever Italian in my tiny Northern town, I still couldn't believe I was about to do it. You see I was about to meet the love of my life, my soul mate, my lobster, the other half to my tiny broken heart pendant. Now before you get carried away, this wasn't the tenth date, or even the fifth. It was the first.

After a year of astonishingly awful dates, something had to change. There was the plumber who hadn't even bothered to have a shower before taking me to see the latest Star Wars movie even though he knew my venomous hatred for all things Sci-Fi. The accountant who bought material samples to the restaurant so I could help him choose curtain material for his new house. I was still young enough to struggle to find a pair of matching shoes each morning for work. I had once managed to complete a trio of dates with a rather raunchy builder and things were feeling pretty positive when he asked if I would join him for dinner with his folks. En route he said he needed to stop off at a friend's house, after waiting in the car for about 20 minutes, he finally returned to tell me he was just collecting his weekly supply of cocaine. Needless to say it was a very long, painful meal with his more than proper parents. Another one bit the dust.

On another depressing Sunday night in our local pub, best friend and I were flicking through the local paper, generally moaning about the lack of excitement in our lives, when she came across the dating column. Remember this was the 1990s, well before the discovery of online dating or even the internet in the North of England for that matter. It was a thought bubble moment, I could see it appear above her head and before I had time to pull my big girl pants up and refuse, she had drafted a response to 'Gary, 32, desperately seeking Cat woman to his Batman' on the back of a Boddingtons's beer mat.

So there I was walking through the door, trying to figure out which poor bloke was 'Gary, 6ft 2 from Blackpool, wearing a blue jumper and jeans'. Bloody hell, couldn't he have worn something a bit more distinctive? Luckily I had a fairly unique look (think Sinead O'Connor) in those days and he shot across the restaurant faster than you could say tiramisu (sorry!).

He intrigued me from the outset, with an air of superiority about him which made me just a tiny bit nervous. Most of the boys I had dated would think they were being charming if they bought you a pint of lager and pinched your bottom. I felt like I was playing at being a grown up on one hand but on the other that I was out for dinner with my Dad! He was a true gentleman though and treated me like a little princess. It turned out that the real reason Gary was using the small ads to find a date was because he was a totally and utterly boring. He didn't want to find his Cat Woman really, more a shy kitten to look after, to cook for, to stroll in the park with.

I wanted someone to dance the night away with and to be wandering home as the sun rose, wearing my slightly dishevelled cat suit, grinning from ear to ear. Bless him, it wasn't his fault he was old before his time. My dating agency adventure fell at the first hurdle.

'Before we meet could you send me a photograph of your feet'

Well Hung, 46, St Helier.

Fast forward to now.....

'Go on, you can be my wing woman.' Christian *, good friend, hot to look at, useless in love, recently made his voyage into online dating and I offered (??) to keep him company along the way.

I expected to spend my evenings pouring over pictures of cute girls looking for their sugar daddies or seductive cougars looking for toy boys to play with for a short time. Christian's initial replies were fairly timid, if a little boring. They sounded more like they were looking for someone to drink tea and eat cake with not have rudies under the duvet on a Sunday morning. Katie, (29) asked if he could be invisible for the day, what would he do? Selena (45) asked him to recount his first kiss - he couldn't remember!! Clearly it was either that long ago or he had drank too much snakebite as a spotty teenager that he couldn't remember it.

But once he started to chat away to these 'pretty, caring single girls' they turned into sex addicts. Oh how we laughed. Oh how scared he was. Oh how horrified I was. Wasn't it men who wanted sex and women who wanted love? Not according to Lisa (32) 'I'm not really looking for love right now, I'm

only in Jersey for a couple of weeks. So if you send me some pictures and I like the look of you maybe we can hook up?'

Or Tracey (45, recently divorced), whose selfie photographs were obviously taken in a filthy toilet cubicle and who had an even filthier mouth, sharing her fantasies of being picked up in a car park and being rogered senseless by a man with big feet.

If I had just met a man in a bar, would I tell him how I wanted to get my rocks off over the first drink? Surely a couple of emails equate to that drink? Had our social and moral beliefs been changed that much by the internet that it's become acceptable to share them during a short exchange of supposedly flirty emails? I know anonymity gives us confidence but I wouldn't have thought that anyone eager to share this sort of information immediately is someone you really want to introduce to your Mum and Dad over roast beef and Yorkshire puddings?

I can just imagine the conversation now. 'Mum and Dad, meet Tracey, she loves me for my knowledge of remote car parks and


big feet?' 'More gravy with that dear?' It's not really the start of a long and meaningful relationship is it?

'You are just a softie, you just don't want to believe that dating has changed that much.' Christian told me when we had met to perform the post mortem on his latest date - petite, brunette, liked looking but not touching. Was I being too judgemental though? He thought I was. Was I clinging on to chivalry, romance, the build up, the excitement?

I always thought men would be worse than women when it came to sex.

I registered that night on the same website, Grey Goose Girl was now out there and looking for love. I was determined to prove Christian wrong. There must still be people in the world looking for hearts and flowers.

The first email I received?

'I would like you to undress and sit next to me naked, whilst I look at you' (Bean Cock 49, St Clements). As you can see, romance is not dead, it's just well hidden. 

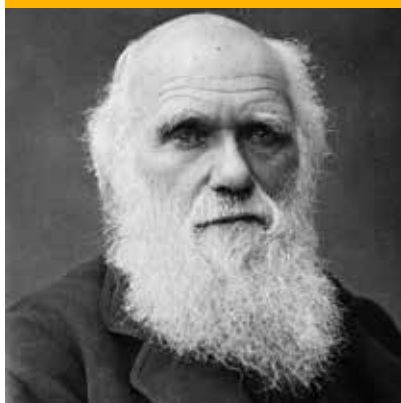
THE RANDOMNESS OF MISC.?



AN AUGMENTED REALITY

At a new conference, Microsoft had announced their new edition of Windows, Windows 10, but that wasn't the only thing they announced. The HoloLens is Microsoft's answer to the Google Lens and has been in development for five years.

The HoloLens computer is a cordless headset, similar to the Oculus Rift. The computer is controlled with your gestures, with windows being replaced with holograms. The interface of the HoloLens interacts with your physical world to make for a realistic environment. The HoloLens comes with HoloStudio, a 3D modelling application controlled totally by gesture, which allows users to create models for 3D printing. The HoloLens headset is said to be released "within the Windows 10 timeframe" - fingers crossed it's not left dead like Google Lens.



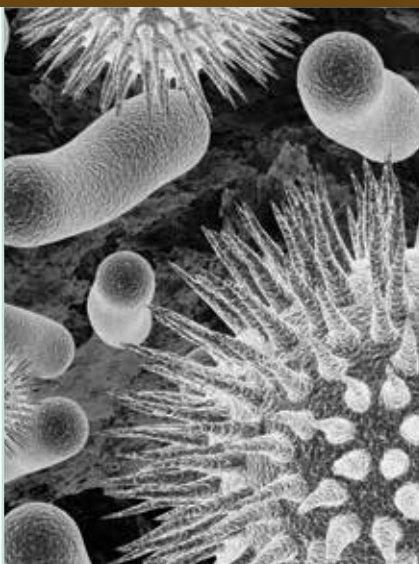
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Have you ever heard the story about how the guy who invented the Segway died riding a Segway? Thought "How dumb is he?" - so do the Darwin Awards. The Darwin Awards is dedicated to awarding people who have 'eliminated themselves' from the gene pool by their own dumb actions, in the name of 'keeping the gene pool clean'. All eliminations are accidental, but candidates are disqualified if 'bystanders' who could have contributed positively to the gene pool, died in the accident with them.

2 BILLION YEARS, SAME ME

Evidence has been found of a bacteria that has not evolved for more than 2 billion years. The species is a sulfur-eating bacteria that is found in deep sea beds, surviving high temperatures. Judging from chemical composition and structure, scientists have found fossils of said species that are thought to date back to at least 2.3 billion years. The fossils were found in Australia, while modern samples of the bacteria were brought from Chile.

The explanation? Scientists believe the reason this bacteria has not evolved is simply because they haven't needed to evolve, they have been, for 2 billion years, perfectly adapted to the environment they live in.



FREAKS OF NATURE

Humans consider themselves the greatest or oddest example of evolution, but there are much more odd examples of evolution beyond us - mostly just bacteria. These are some odd natural creations:

- 1 The parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*, which controls its host's brain, changing their behaviour. This host can be anyone from rats to cats, to us!
- 2 Tardigrades, or water bears; a tiny insect that can survive extreme temperatures, extreme radiation and tremendous amounts of pressure. It can even survive in outer space!
- 3 Snottite; sheets of bacteria with the consistency of snot that hang off walls and ceilings of caves, which consume volcanic sulfur and produce sulfuric acid.
- 4 "Halophilic" bacteria; survives in extremely salty conditions. Some can survive in environments ten times saltier than sea water.
- 5 *Deinococcus radiodurans*; can survive radiation up to 10,000 Gy, while 10 Gy would kill a human.



I'M NOT EMO ANYMORE MOM, I'M VAPORWAVE

The internet has made a lot of weird things and we're all aware of them, but this is possibly one of the oddest.

Vaporwave is part-music genre part-art movement that was generated on the internet on Turntable.fm and recently generated popularity on websites like Bandcamp, Soundcloud, Tumblr and 4chan. The genre is based around an idea of a dystopian world ruled by capitalism, filled with consumerism, yuppies, New Age music, 80s commercials, Greek busts and Japanese branding. The art is based around glitch art, based in tropical utopias, and based around 90s computers, Japanese lettering, copy-and-pasted images of Fiji bottles and George Costanza.

AN EVOLUTIONARY GUIDE TO THE UNIQUE SPECIES OF JERSEY

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ILLUSTRATIONS Will Bertram



This beautiful Island that we call home is blessed with a fertile natural environment, an ecosystem in microcosm that welcomed life long before mankind came down from the trees.

Our climate is mild, our predators few in number, and the complexity of our planning bylaws means that property developers are still a few years away from matching the Germans in their effects upon the open countryside. In our warm waters and fern-carpeted valleys wildlife may thrive, and few people realise that a great many of these species are unique to our tiny rock. The father of evolution himself, Charles Darwin, was inspired to begin his epochal work through observing the biological diversity of island habitats - admittedly a fact which will surprise anybody who has taken a good look at some inhabitants of the western parishes. Nonetheless, Darwin would have seen a great beauty in these monobrowed curiosities, many of whom he would have undoubtedly pickled and sold to the museums of London. We are lucky that our very home is a living museum, a world of wildlife wonder that is far more strange and beautiful than the boring mainland and its overrated genetic diversity. Join me, as I take you on a whispered naturalist journey through some of the remarkable species that live here, breed here and get crushed under Jaguars during the school run here.

THE ICE-CREAM GULL (*Larus Morvus Calippo*)

This impish, feathered bandit of the beach shares a heritage with the more common herring gull, but has largely replaced this species due to a localised adaptation to a diet of ice-cream, chips and premium beachside fry ups. Loud and aggressive, it is naturally drawn to make its nest in the rooftops of St Helier and will fiercely defend its territory against any interloper that threatens its access to second-hand pizza. A breeding pair produces up to six young each season, although many fall prey to accidents whilst foraging for their unique diet and end up battered or made into nuggets. Oh, the circle of life.

THE WAITROSE SQUIRREL (*Sciurus Organicus*)

Supplanted in the mainland by its coarse transatlantic cousin, Sciurus Tesco, this subspecies of arboreal rodent thrives in Jersey, where its genteel sensibilities and appreciation for cheeses and fine wines fit a perfect evolutionary niche. Friendly and mild, its diet consists of organic nuts, gluten-free leaves and olives, although it will occasionally consent to eat a ready meal if it contains artisan chorizo or pomegranate seeds. It builds a nest out of promotional copies of The Guardian, and for some reason unknown to science is prevented from feeding on Sundays.

THE SELF-BAGGING DOG OF THE WEST (*Canis Poopus Noscoopus*)

Natural evolution has been given a helping hand in the case of this rare, seldom seen canine believed to roam the coastal beauty spots of the Island. Generations of fashionable designer dogs are thought to have inbred to the point that these animals have developed the ability to neurotically walk themselves whilst their owners are pulling 70 hour weeks in the finance industry. The lower intestine of the traditional domesticated hound has been shortened, and secretes a plastic like substance enabling the dog to bag its own waste. Sadly, this substance is completely non biodegradable, and dogs do not have thumbs, and so the goings of these mysterious creatures are marked by hanging bags of poop that still depend on humans to remove them to bins mere metres away. This is only speculation, as no regular dog walker will ever admit to catching one of these beasts in the act of hanging its plastic tribute on the nearest hedge.



FORT REGENT MAN
(*Homo Dodgemus*)

Evolutionary historians state that the early expansion of Homo Sapiens occurred at the expense of his lesser neanderthal cousin, with whom we share the overwhelming majority of our DNA. Isolated populations of this ill-fated hominid are thought to have last bred with humans some 300,000 years ago, which coincidentally is around the time that construction is believed to have begun on St Mary's Parish Hall. Fossil records indicate that the remaining Neanderthals of the St Helier area may have been expelled to live a pitiful life in the network of caverns now located beneath Fort Regent, and some scientists believe they live there still, adapted to this subterranean existence. A specimen has yet to be captured alive, as their skills in fairground ride maintenance and rollerblading make them a fearsome and resourceful adversary. Thrillingly, shaky CCTV footage dating from the 1980s has been discovered in the High Dive Cafe Bar; it appears to record three individuals on a rare visit to the surface to honour their lion-headed god and stock up on Tip Tops. Perhaps they walk amongst us still.



DE CARTERET'S PROPERTY SPECULATOR BAT
(*Pipistrellus Capitalis*)

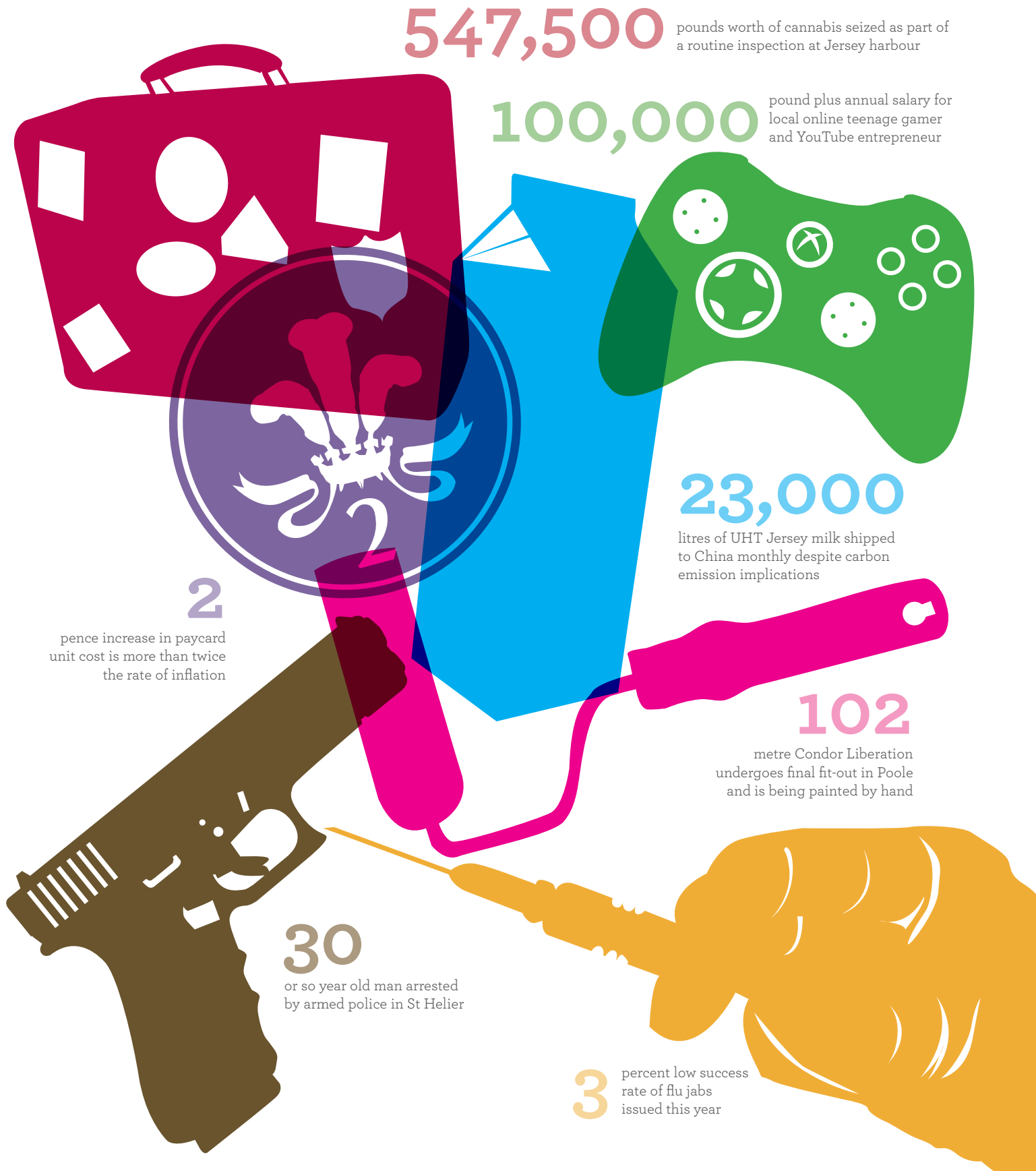
This assertive and adaptable pest makes its home in disused barns, extensions and attic spaces around the Island. A ruthless maximiser of space, it will chew through beams, expose brickwork and laminate wooden flooring with a viscous secretion that emerges from its anal gland. It is highly aggressive and will attack both humans and animals with a deafening shriek if they attempt to interfere with its planning applications. If the infestation is left unchecked, the only option for the homeowner will be to convert the space occupied by speculator bats into an additional one-bed flat (no quallies needed) and rent it out for £1700 a month.



SENTIENT PSYCHIC SEA LETTUCE
(*Ulva Sapiens*)

Nature is full of examples of apparently simple organisms who appear to pool their abilities in order to achieve remarkable results that bely the apparent simplicity of their individual brains. One thinks of the gigantic ant super-colonies of the Amazon jungle, the thermo-regulating complexity of an African termite mound, and the ability of Guernsey people to construct a functioning bowling alley. The basis on which this cooperation functions is a mystery to science, but a more puzzling example could be seen to occur in the blooming cloud of sea lettuce that steadily comes to occupy a larger percentage of Jersey's coastal waters. Although the Island's residents apparently agree that the lettuce is a threat and seek to destroy it, when it comes to forming a consistent solution our brains become unaccountably fogged over and we descend into making incoherent animal noises and fighting in the streets. Could millions of simple plants have somehow joined together and achieved consciousness? It is not for me to speculate, but I would say that it's somewhat concerning that the leases for the new finance quarter developments were apparently signed with an illegible green smear, and that at least three Parishes report disqualifying election candidates who smelt strongly of egg-farts and left a trail of wet sand on their way into the hustings.

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Carla Nunes

Breed: Human (Homo sapien?! This just made me laugh, I must say)

Age: 28

Likes: Relaxing and reptiles

Hates: Spiders and mushrooms

If you were an animal what would you be: I'd have to be a beardie the same as my little girl.

Wants: To one day have enough money to open a reptile sanctuary in Jersey.

Interesting facts: Although I wouldn't advise this to anyone I was a bit of a girl racer when I wasn't living in Jersey. Always loved seeing the looks I used to get when the opponent realised I was a young girl...

Most impressive thing ever done: Achieving my GIA Diamond Graduate Diploma. After two years of hard work it was truly worth it. The thing I have done that has impressed me the most though was seeing the sunrise from a hot air balloon over the River Nile and the Valley of the Kings.

Bichinha Nunes

Breed: Bearded Dragon (Pogona vitticeps).

Age: 2 Years

Likes: Locusts (a lot) and meal-worms

Hates: Vegetables (although my owner keeps telling me I should eat more) and crickets.

If I was a human I would be: I am a very lazy and chilled out girl (and good looking if I say so myself) so as a human I would definitely have to be a pampered lady with a very rich husband.

Wants: More locusts...

Interesting facts: I love going outdoors on hot summer days and I love the attention I get from everyone I come across.

Most impressive thing ever done: I went up to the zoo when I was little and at the same time they were having a competition to name the new baby orangutan (in 2013). I didn't have a name yet and many suggestions were given by zoo staff and visitors. I was also the star attraction that day and had many pictures of me taken as I was the only animal walking around the zoo on that lovely day.



Woodlice

words | Deirdre Shirreffs

All life began in the ocean and started its evolution there. Most crustaceans including crabs, shrimps and lobsters still live there – however the woodlice and their relatives left the seas to live on land, not even returning to the water to lay their eggs.

They need to live in damp corners or under stones to prevent drying out as their shells are not waterproof. They are mostly nocturnal to escape predators and avoid the drying effect of sunlight. Their gill-like lungs are in their paddle-shaped hind legs. Like all crustaceans they need to moult their shell as they grow and also when they are adults. They are unusual in that they moult their shell in two parts, the back half first followed by the front a few days later. So if you see a woodlouse with a two-toned shell it is in the middle of its moult. Adults moult every two months.

They feed on decaying plant material and are very useful in making compost and returning nutrients to the soil. They have seven pairs of legs and two structures at the rear called uropods. They can get water by drinking or absorbing it through their shell, but they can also use their uropods to suck water up by capillary action – in effect drinking through their bottom! They don't urinate but instead excrete ammonia gas through their shell. Like all crustaceans woodlice have blue blood as they do not have the haemoglobin which colours blood red. Instead they have haemocyanin which has copper instead of iron and is blue when carrying oxygen. If you see a bright blue woodlouse it is not due to its blood but because it is infected with a virus.

The female keeps her fertilised eggs in a pouch on the underside of her body until they hatch. She then releases them – tiny and white- and it looks like she is giving birth. They can take two years to mature and live for up to four years.

Some species of woodlice can roll up into a ball for protection – the pill bugs, also known as roly-polies. Woodlice have many local names, often linking them to pigs, e.g. chuggy pig or gramersow. In Scotland they are called slaters, probably due to the grey plates of their shell. There are over 40 species in the UK.

A Dog's Purpose (From A 6-Year Old)

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolf hound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, 'I know why.'

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life - - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?' The Six-year-old continued, 'Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy..
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.



DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING PET?
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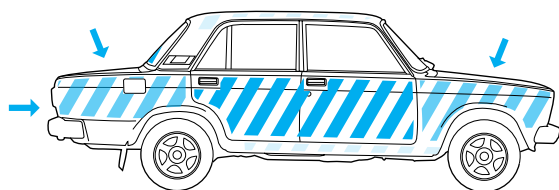
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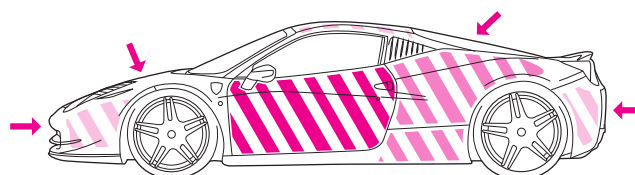


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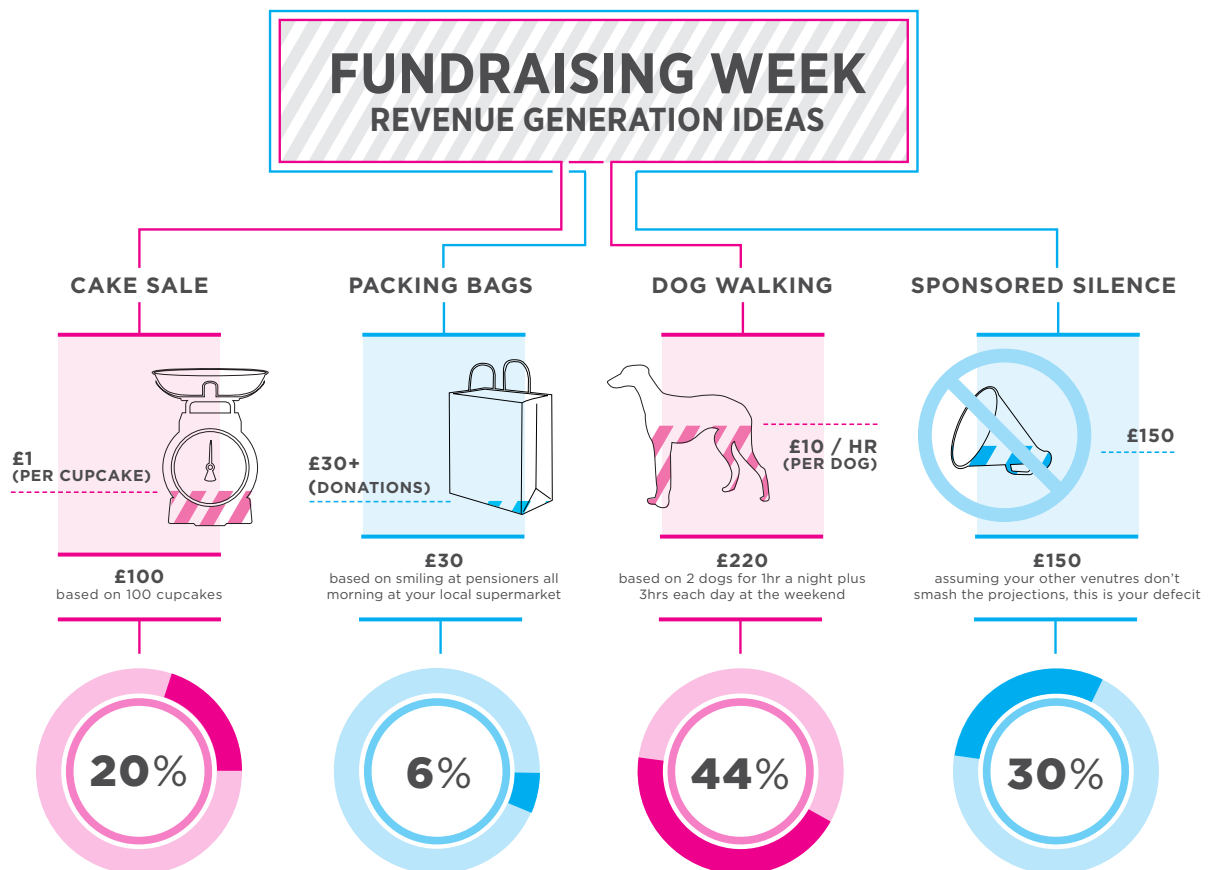
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PAYING MORE THAN LIP SERVICE

WORDS Charles Zaman

I HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN DOING MOVEMBER FOR A LONG TIME. ALTHOUGH THE INTEREST HAD STEMMED FROM THE LOSS OF MY GRANDFATHER TO CANCER AND THE NEED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ISSUES AROUND MENS' HEALTH, IT WAS THE FUN APPROACH OF THE EVENT THAT ALSO APPEALED.

I decided last year that I would try to introduce it to my school, Victoria College. I went about this by researching the event, the purpose of the charity as well as what it supports and why. After gaining some background knowledge my view towards Movember changed as I became aware of more than just the lighthearted approach to raising money, but also the way in which they tackle a serious and interesting issue worldwide. I visited Macmillan Jersey where I was introduced to more resources and became inspired by the activities of Movember; their caring attitude and the way they are building involvement in order to help others.

Supported by my research, I felt I could present a successful proposal to the school to consider the event which lead, in turn, to my convincing the Headmaster to let me take the lead on a school based campaign. His response was positive and he even allowed us to light the school with the colours of Movember to show the school's support for the cause.

It was decided that one representative from each house in the school's upper sixth would step up to the plate and grow a moustache as part of Movember; thus enabling us and the school to raise money for charities associated with men's health, both mental and physical. Brian Frith of

Macmillan Jersey told me; "It's raising awareness that really matters". I therefore decided to organise for my fellow 'tache growers and I to present an assembly to each of our school houses on the key facts of Movember, stressing its importance and real meaning, beyond the facial hair growth.

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As part of our campaign, we all went around the school, shaking our buckets regularly to rally support and raise money, as well as organising a scheduled non-uniform day. The result of our efforts was a fundraising total of £1400 and the joy of the knowing that awareness had indeed been raised, not only within the school but it has also been taken home to the pupils families.

Gallery wanted to support our campaign and arranged a photo shoot with Danny Evans to document our efforts and offer coverage that would further highlight our campaign, putting the icing on the cake after our efforts throughout the month.



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GIVE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN JERSEY



Kitchen Inferno raises £17,000 for Jersey Cheshire Home

The team behind this years Kitchen Inferno would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported Kitchen Inferno 2014. They included: Le Masurier, Freedom Media, Shaun Rankin, Blue Islands, First Names Group, Cimandis, Fungi Delecti, Margaret Thompson, who together raised £17,000 for Jersey Cheshire Home.. The money will go towards the Big Splash Appeal, raising funds for the vital renovation of the Home's Hydrotherapy Centre. The refurbished facility, costing over £305,000 will offer new features and improved standards to all users, enhancing their experience.

David Lord, General Manager, Jersey Cheshire Home said "Kitchen Inferno not only generated plenty of heat in the kitchen along with competitive spirit, but also this amazing contribution towards the residents Support fund, thank you so much on behalf of everyone at Eric Young House."

Rob Veron took the title once again and led the Blue Islands Team to Victory. Michelin-starred chef Shaun Rankin designed the menus for the Freedom Media event, which included some of Ormer's most technically challenging dishes.



Jersey charities join forces to offer unique experiences

Two local charities, Helping Wings and Wetwheels Jersey, who specialise in giving disabled and disadvantaged islanders unrivalled experiences in the air and at sea, have joined forces to co-promote disability activities in the island.

Simon Harman of Helping Wings expressed his delight at the partnership and said, "Our charities bear striking similarities in that we both aim to give amazing experiences to Jersey's disabled and disadvantaged communities."

Wetwheels Trustee Andy Le Seilleur added "the ethos of both organisations is remarkably similar and it makes perfect sense to harness the amazing commitment of our volunteer skippers and pilots who give up so much of their time to make dreams come true".

The charities have earmarked a special day in August where lucky passengers will travel by air and sea to Guernsey and enjoy a day out before swapping over for the return journey.

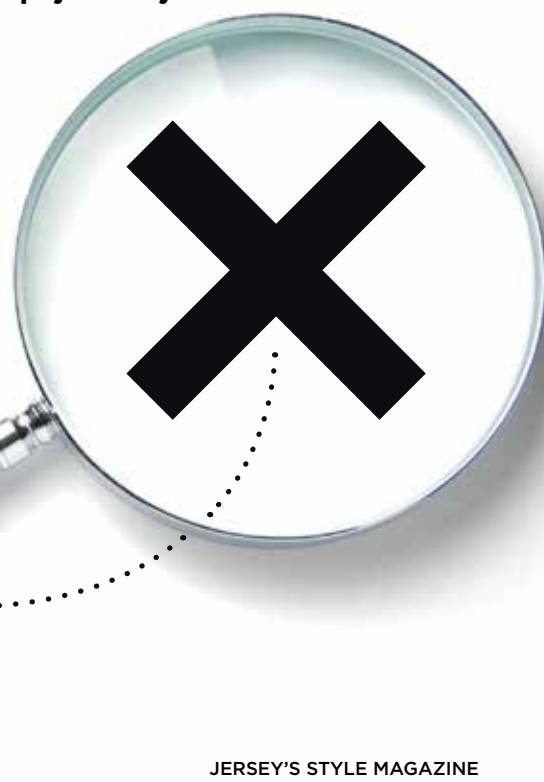
Islanders invited to join treasure hunt to raise money for epilepsy charity

Islanders are being invited to sign up for a charity treasure hunt with a difference, to raise money for The Jersey Epilepsy Association. The inaugural Radisson Road Trip will take place on 28th March 2015. After being given clues from Radisson Blu staff, the teams will then head off on a treasure hunt around the island in their own vehicles.

In teams of four to five you will follow clues directing you around the island. When you reach the correct destination you will collect an item of purple clothing and continue to the next location. Your team will be required to collect all the items, with extra points awarded for photographic creativity at each of the destinations.

The event will take place two days after Purple Day, a nationwide day aimed at raising awareness of epilepsy.

To express interest in participating in the Radisson Road Trip, or to book a table please contact Melissa on 01534 671180.





Protecting Jersey's Crown Jewels

Living within easy access of the countryside is vital for our health and wellbeing. Natural habitats are under threat from a range of influences and managing sites for their wildlife interest is becoming ever more crucial. I talk to lots of people about the issues that face species and habitats in our Island. The majority of people are supportive and interested in the work that we do; valuing our diverse landscape. Those who are sometimes carrying out activities which are causing damage are often unaware of their impact.



Managing these habitats involves creating plans which benefit a variety of habitats and species and monitoring the results. The Ranger team carry out much of this work but we are also highly dependent on voluntary labour.

Rare and threatened animals and plants in Jersey, such as the agile frog, are protected and have action plans to improve their survival. This is rewarding as we have seen an increase in the amount of spawn recently, indicating that the programme is successful.

The Natural Environment Team is always happy to give advice and love to get people out volunteering to help protect and enjoy the natural environment. Contact us on 441600 or environmentenquiries@gov.je



Marriage or a civil partnership: Legal and financial considerations

WORDS by Catia Tavares, Senior Legal Assistant at Sinels.

Before you get married or become civil partners you and your partner may want to consider what will happen to your assets if the relationship should breakdown. It is prudent that you and your partner discuss and consider each other's financial circumstances so that both of you can be as prepared as possible for whatever life throws your way. Discussing these issues can help ensure that solid foundations are in place to build your future together and to provide you both with some security and prevent difficulties arising in the future.

The sort of issues that you and your partner need to think about include, but not limited to, inheritance planning, Pre/Post Nuptial Agreements and the possible implications of purchasing a property together. Pre/Post Nuptial Agreements set out how the assets will be treated if the relationship breaks down. The role of a Pre/Post Nuptial Agreement is designed to protect the assets of individuals on a breakdown of a marriage or civil partnership and to state with clarity who retains what.

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Many couples take the view that such agreement means that there is a lack of trust in the relationship, in fact it is the opposite and it reinforces that the couples' legal union is for love and not financial gain. Pre/Post Nuptial Agreements are not always appropriate for everyone and it may depend on the individual's circumstances and in particular if there are assets which may be prudent to protect; namely if it is your second marriage and you wish to keep your assets independent from each other, and/or if you wish for your children of a previous marriage to inherit your assets, and/or if you wish for an inheritance to remain within your family.

Pre/Post Nuptial Agreements show the parties' intentions at the time of entering into it. Presently the Court is not bound to apply the terms of a Pre/Post Nuptial Agreement but nevertheless it is able to be taken into account and may provide for more certainty in an otherwise potentially uncertain area. We frequently advise on the drafting of Pre/Post-Nuptial Agreements and we can help you and your partner agree terms that provide both of you with the security and protection to help you move forward together.

Please contact Catia Tavares for an initial free consultation.

GIVE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN JERSEY

Jersey Action Against Rape (JAAR) charity established

Jersey Action Against Rape (JAAR), a charity that aims to prevent and heal the trauma of rape and sexual assault and provide support for victims in Jersey and their families has been set up by Jersey resident Cassidy McIntosh.

Cassidy has waived her legal right to anonymity to speak out about the emotional and psychological turmoil that many rape survivors go through. In 2012, while her parents were away on holiday, she was raped by a man who had been a trusted friend of her family. She reported the attack to the police and her attacker was interviewed, but the police could not get enough evidence to mount a criminal prosecution.

Instead of giving up, she became the first person in Jersey to take a civil action for rape in the Jersey courts. Her attacker settled the case 11 months later, paying her over £150,000 in damages and legal costs. Having discovered first hand that there wasn't any specialist support or a dedicated service for rape and sexual assault victims in the island, she has used the money to establish JAAR.

Cassidy explains "My purpose in bringing my civil claim was never to enrich myself. I wanted something good to come out of the appalling act to which I had been subjected. I wanted others to not feel ashamed and to not suffer in silence. I wanted others to have the specialist support that I had not and that would help empower them to reclaim their lives."

Whilst JAAR is not an emergency service, it will provide long term counselling and support for both men and women in the island. This includes access to a dedicated helpline, website and trained counsellors. The helpline is manned by trained volunteers and all calls are completely confidential.

For more information visit www.jaar.je



Schools and nurseries line up for the Easter bunny

For the third year, GoldMoney are sponsoring the Grace Crocker Bunny Run. A team of runners dressed as rabbits, will visit schools and nurseries across the island to deliver chocolate eggs at Easter in aid of the charity. Organisers Rachel and Pete Wright say 16 schools and nurseries are signed up, but are calling for more to come forward and take part in this island wide event.

Grace Crocker was born in Jersey with hypoplastic left heart syndrome and had open

heart surgery at just five days old. Grace's family had to move to Southampton for three months to be with her, but sadly Grace died aged just 11 weeks. The charity aims to help other families who have to go off island when a child is seriously ill, and gives financial and emotional assistance.

Sports Bugs will be on hand to help organise games and activities at each school/nursery. The experienced coaching team at the local sports development company, can also loan

equipment for sports games such as the egg and spoon race.

If a school or nursery would like a visit from the Bunny you can contact Pete at: r_r.wright@yahoo.co.uk, or via the Facebook page: The Grace Crocker Bunny Run.



Big Gig, big heart

The Big Gig weekend comprises of two huge events over two days this July. A family focussed, community spirited weekend of music and entertainment which puts the fun into fundraising... The Big Gig has a big heart indeed. Having been established by founder, Caroline Strachan to raise money for her 'conduit' charity, Helping Jersey Charities; every penny raised at both Legend in the Park and Sure's Big Gig in the Park goes to local children's charities. This year, the events are supporting 103's Help a Jersey Child and CLIC Sargent and with the recent announcement of top class acts over two nights, organisers are hoping to really make a difference.

We spoke to organiser and founder of Helping Jersey Charities, Caroline Strachan; "The Big Gig started as an idea, it has now become a big deal. It's all about what we can do to make a big difference. I'm so proud of our last events, so very grateful to everyone who made our idea come to life and of course, I'm so happy when I see a crowd of over 5000 people having a ball at Howard Davis Park on the Big Gig weekend.

In order to deliver a great event, we are steering Big Gig into another phase. For 2015, we are anticipating a more interactive experience with our new website and social media campaign, as well as some exciting and fun competitions, give aways and campaigns in the lead up to what will hopefully be, our biggest weekend yet!"

Since working in charity events over the last decade, Caroline and her host of supporters, volunteers and sponsors have managed to raise a whopping £2million for charity.

To get involved and support this year's Big Gig weekend, go to www.biggigjersey.com to buy tickets or to find out more about volunteering with THE BIG GIG!

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The Fuel Launch

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THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Following a successful evening of cocktails, nibbles and live music, a popular forecourt and service station has officially reopened at First Tower. The Fuel, a partnership between RUBiS and The Mansell Collection offering quality fuel, state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained staff, hosted an exclusive launch party in January, at which a fantastic

promotion was announced. RUBiS Card holders now have the chance to win £100 worth of fuel each month, whenever they fill up 30 litres of petrol at The Fuel. At the end of the year, all monthly prize winners will be entered into a competition to win a brand new Mitsubishi car worth £12,000, together with three years' free servicing.



Jersey Action Against Rape (JAAR) Launch Event

THE POMME D'OR

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY

This fantastic and well attended event saw a packed room full of islanders keen to show their support for this brilliant cause. JAAR has been set up by the McIntosh family to help local people effected by the trauma of rape and sexual assault. The charity will be providing and maintaining a supporting framework for victims and their families that includes a dedicated helpline, website,

on site counselling and access to highly qualified and specially trained counsellors. Patron Lady McColl commented "For the first time in the Island, Jersey Action Against Rape offers a helpline, specialist confidential advice to those who need it. It is a service that is badly needed and I am honoured to be asked to be Patron." For more information visit www.jaar.je



**Macmillan Cancer
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L'HORIZON GALA WEEKEND**
SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY

This wonderful ball attracted over 180 attendees, with guests enjoying a glamorous evening with champagne on arrival, a delicious three course dinner followed by a very successful raffle and then it was on to the dance floor to boogie the night away!

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Kevin Judd, the pioneer of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc at Cloudy Bay and owner of multi-award winning wine estate Greywacke, visited Jersey to host not one but TWO amazing wine dinners at The Salty Dog. Guest's were invited to try a series of favoured wines, including superb

Sauvignon Blancs, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir and the utterly delectable Late Harvest Riesling, as well as some exciting new additions to the table – all complemented the 4-course dinner perfectly, which featured none other than Salty's famous Surf and Turf dish!



Back to Balance

LIDO WELLNESS CENTRE

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Lido Wellness Centre put on an exciting charitable event, where all proceeds were donated to Holidays for Heroes Jersey. There were lifestyle health tips given from a variety of well-respected practitioners, doctors and authors, all located at the Lido Wellness Centre. The talks, demos and workshops covered everything from movement, dietary, sleep and physical or

mental stress patterns. The aim was to help assist the individuals that kindly donated and came along, in setting achievable lifestyle changes and goals, ultimately promoting their wellbeing and health. The event has been such a great success that the centre have committed to do three more throughout the year – the next one will take place in the summer.

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BNP Paribas Annual Staff Party

THE ROYAL YACHT

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

This fantastic annual party was again a huge success and much enjoyed by all the staff. BNP Paribas invited along representatives from their two chosen charities for 2014 - Jersey Hospice and The Grace Crocker Family Support Foundation

and they then presented them with cheques for £5,000 to each charity. Funds were raised by staff, primarily through their CSR initiative 'Your Hour to Give' where staff can donate an hour of their salary each month to their chosen charity.



Jersey Cheshire Home 'Big Splash' Pool Appeal

THE ROYAL YACHT

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

The launch of the Jersey Cheshire Home 'Big Splash' Pool Appeal, took place to raise funds for the vital renovation of their Hydrotherapy Centre - a facility that is crucial to the resident's wellbeing and also benefits many people in the wider community.

David Lord, General Manager appealed for the communities support, and Sally Minty-Gravett (Jersey Champion Swimmer)

announced her twice-around-the-island swim attempt that will take place in June, in aid of the JCH pool renovation.

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LONE SHARK

When someone from Jersey tells you they work with a load of sharks most people will presume that person heads up a team of ruthless lawyers or bank managers in the finance industry. For Jersey man Jimi Partington, when he says he works with sharks, he means it literally...

Jimi has worked in a number of shark diving operations and runs his own shark diving business and in recent years has moved into working in film production for BBC documentaries and Discovery channel's famous Shark Week productions. But just how did he find himself coming to spend a typical day at work in the company of these ancient predators? "It began when I was very young, I was always fascinated by sharks and they gripped my imagination from a very early age. When I got older I decided to try and make a career out of something I loved so I packed up and left Jersey to pursue my dream", says Jimi.

Jimi has worked around the world as a dive instructor and guide in many locations on the water and after achieving his dream to work with sharks, he then secured what he considers a life changing position in California as guide and divemaster taking people to see Great White sharks at the world renowned Guadalupe Island. "I had worked in many locations but when the call came for me to work with the worlds most magnificent creature, the Great White

shark, it was the opportunity I had been waiting for a long time".

In 2010 Jimi started up his own business, Shark Diving Xperts (SDX) and has gone from strength to strength contracted in both South Africa and California and has now become one of the worlds leading experts working daily with these animals. "It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication since it all began but over recent years has really evolved into a successful business that I am happy to say I can make a living doing what I love."

Although the animals themselves have lived almost unchanged for millions of years the shark diving industry is relatively new. The demand for shark diving began in the early 1990s when most countries began to protect the Great White shark and it's now one of the leading eco-tourism success stories worldwide. How has the industry changed? "Back in the day, if you told someone you wanted to jump in a cage with a load of sharks swimming around you, most people would think you were mad. This was mostly

due to the negative and undeserved opinion that people had of sharks, but today the public perception is changing and evolving for the better, and for a lot of people swimming with sharks is one of the things at the top of their bucket list."

Over the years, studying the sharks, Jimi has built up a great understanding and respect for them. "I have come to know over 150 different sharks and am able to recognize them individually by specific markings and personality traits. Yes, that's right, every single shark has a unique personality, some are shy and retiring, others are more bold and assertive." Although many of the sharks he has come to know well have been given names such as "Lucy", "Johnny", "Emma" and "Bruce", Jimi says you must always treat them with respect. "Many people think of shark diving as an adrenaline activity, but I see it as a nature trip, just like you would go Whale or Dolphin watching. We treat the sharks with respect and always remember we are visitors in their world."

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After running another exciting shark season in California last year, Jimi ended the year working for over two weeks on two documentaries for the Discovery Channel, due to broadcast on the ever growing and popular Shark week this summer. “Shark week has become a monster itself over the years and is now in its 28th year. When I was a kid I would record the entire week on old VHS tapes and watch in wonder and admiration at the work and footage that was broadcast. For me to now be involved with what is so important not for just our entertainment but also for the awareness of sharks and conservation, is a privilege.”

“The amount of work, experience and patience that goes into these shows is incredible. When you are rewarded with the spectacular footage there is no better feeling. During the two week shoot we achieved and filmed some incredible moments with the animals. Using high speed cameras and incorporating research by taking biopsies and tagging many of

the sharks we have come to know so well, I believe we have made some brilliant shows.” If Jimi is not in front of the camera he is behind the scenes in every sequence sometimes going beyond and out of the cages with some of the worlds leading underwater cameramen to get these unique and ground-breaking sequences. “I work as a safety diver to the cameramen during these trips. He is watching and filming the sharks so someone has to watch his back. By using our expertise and knowing both our and the animals boundaries we are able to interact with these sharks peacefully and respectfully”

It seems then that as well as the sharks, humans and their perceptions have come a long way. This year makes the 40th anniversary of “Jaws”, the movie that triggered a misguided fear in most of us and the shark being portrayed as a “villain”

was born. In the years that passed the Great White shark was brought to the brink of extinction through poaching and game fishing all sparked by this irrational fear. Through education and eco tourism it seems that the tide is now changing in the favor of the sharks and a new mentality and a deeper appreciation for sharks has evolved. “The industry is destined to grow as long as people have the hunger for knowledge, understanding and love for what I believe to be the most perfectly evolved and magnificent animal on the planet today. Sharks are living dinosaurs and the world is a much more interesting place with them in it. Seeing the joy on peoples faces when they meet our sharks is one of the most rewarding parts of my work and I believe the world would be a better place if everyone experienced a positive encounter and have their perceptions changed forever.”

For information on Jimi’s shark trips each year visit www.sharkdivingxperts.com or email jim@sharkdivingxperts.com and come and meet his sharks in person.





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Deciding on a destination

Then: Before the World Wide Web, we would spend hours perusing brochures and guidebooks at the local travel agents.

Now: Access to a plethora of travel blogs, Twitter feeds and Instagram posts – all showcasing the latest travel trending hot spots – allow us to book anything from a budget trip to a luxury escape at the click of a button. Simply scour the web for the best deal, punch in your card details and you're good to go! You can even check-in online.



Deciding where to stay

Then: We relied on brochures, word-of-mouth and guidebooks – it wasn't unheard of to physically pick up the phone and check a hotel's availability manually.

Now: We put our trust in online reviews and travel forums. Booking a hotel no longer necessitates time, and with the introduction of mobile travel apps, can now be done on the go.



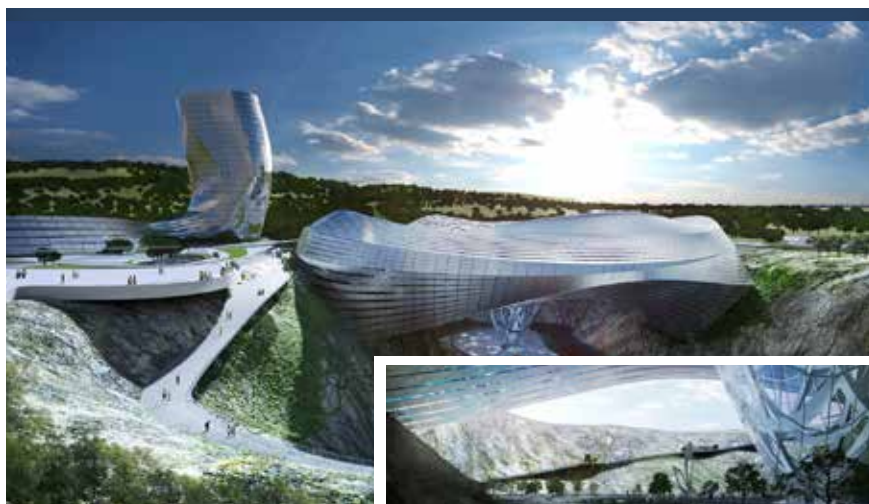
Getting up and down the slopes

Then: There was once a time when skiers relied solely on makeshift tows and hoists to get them up the mountainside. Early sportsmen even opted for mine equipment, in the shape of buckets attached to rope-and-pulley systems. The first mechanical lifts weren't introduced until the early 1900s, and included inventions powered by horses, waterwheels and even a towing device fired by a Dodge car on blocks.

Now: with skiing as popular as it is today, technology has advanced in leaps and bounds. It's now considered the norm to jump aboard a 12-passenger gondola or even into your own personal funicular.

HOTELS OF THE FUTURE

It's no longer enough to stay in a simple bed and breakfast; today's globetrotters prefer accommodation of the more aspiring variety. From picking your perfect pillow to checking into a room 16 foot below sea level, here are our top five Futuristic Hotels.



Dawang Mountain Resort
China

On first glimpse, you'd be forgiven for thinking this metal monstrosity is in fact a spaceship. Designed by Austrian architecture firm 'Coophimmelblau', this particular project will link two sides of an abandoned quarry to create a tech-savvy resort comprising an indoor ski slope and water park. It's set to move from conception to completion in a matter of years.

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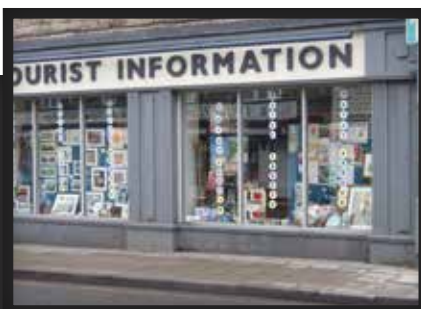
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Staying in touch

Then: We sent postcards or (depending on how long we'd been away for) splashed out on long distance phone calls. It was actually considered 'ok' to be uncontactable whilst abroad...and what happened in Vegas did really stay in Vegas.

Now: We Skype, Tweet, blog and Instagram every nanosecond of our journey, from the moment we check-in at the airport to the minute we touch down – a number of today's airlines will even allow you to use WiFi in the sky. From bikini posts to pictures showcasing your latest meal – if you haven't updated your status in the last 20 minutes – friends and family begin to get worried.



Finding the local attractions

Then: The local tourist office, guidebooks and paper maps were once protocol when visiting a new destination.

Now: Regardless of where you are, if you want to know where serves the nearest gluten-free, flour-free and dairy free chocolate cake, rest assured there's an app for that.



THE EVOLUTION OF TRAVEL CONTINUES

Asides from rising baggage fees, fewer on board food offerings and computers in the place of staff – there are an array of advantages to the evolving travel industry. By far the biggest benefit comes from the tech sector – staying in touch with friends and family no longer costs the earth (even if you are on the other side of the world).

Printed airline tickets are slowly but surely becoming a thing of the past (good news for the trees) in fact, in the very near future, you may find it difficult to board a plane or train with a paper ticket! There's also no longer any need to cart several chunky guidebooks in our backpacks (everything we need to know about every country can be accessed using that sliver of metal we call the smartphone).

Clean travel is expected to make a serious impact, whilst certain airlines are contemplating the implementation of chargeable bathrooms (no one in their right mind is going to refuse midway through a 19 hour journey).

Wireless wilderness tours will become the norm... After all, who needs a trained guide to tell you that the animal you're about to approach is highly dangerous? You'll be able to pre-order food using a specially downloaded app on all flights, meaning you won't actually have to say a word to the steward if you don't want to, and getting from one end of the country to the other will become quicker than you ever thought humanly possible – especially with a number of high-speed rail projects in the pipeline, namely the 'Bullet Trains.'

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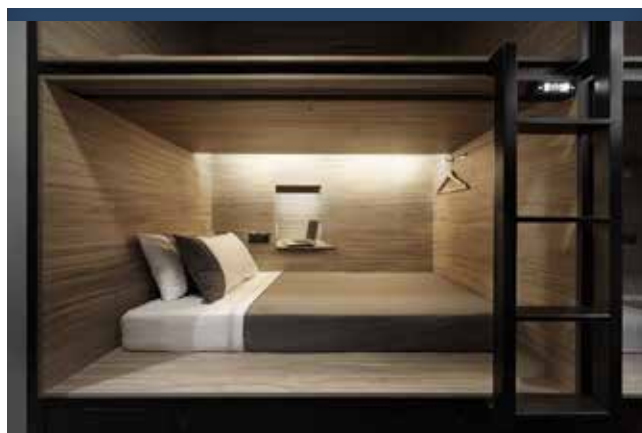


The Hilton Rangali Island resort

Maldives

Forget deep sea diving, you can now dine, sleep and dance 16 feet beneath sea level. This marvel of engineering will hypnotise you with a panoramic vista of the famous Indian Ocean. Unfortunately, it's only possible to book the room for one night; on the plus side, you'll enjoy one of the most breathtaking breakfasts in bed you could ever ask for.

www.hilton.com



POD Hotel

Singapore

We all know it can cost an arm and a leg to stay slap bang in the middle of any city. Designers of the POD Hotel in Singapore have come up with a solution to this problem by offering pocket-friendly, centrally located bunk beds for adults. Each POD includes a bed, fold out table, locker and reading light...what more could you want?

thepod.sg



Alila Villas Uluwatu

Bali

65 eco-friendly villas sit precariously on Bali's southern coastline. Part of an award-winning project – each property has been constructed using sustainable sources only – with local plants, water conservation and recycling methods in place to ensure the smallest possible impact on the environment. If you're not too good with heights, avoid the Cabana Lounge; this particular villa perilously dangles over the water's edge.

www.alilahotels.com/uluwatu



Quantum of the Seas

From the jewel-shaped capsule that gently ascends 300 feet above sea level to the first-ever 'at sea' skydiving experience, Caribbean Cruise's latest ship will take you to new heights. Other attractions include a morphing entertainment area, a roller rink, a bumper car arena, virtual balconies and 18 restaurants to boot – ranging from a sushi joint to a hotdog food truck.

www.royalcaribbean.co.uk

Many things have changed the way we travel – and with so many travel transformations taking place, maybe it's not that naïve of us to expect transparent airplanes, commercial space travel and digital hotels to be the norm in the very near future...

CULTURE

Flesh! Lights! Camera! Action! The Brewing Company

Supported by The School of Arts, University of Kent and Jersey Arts Centre

Friday 20 March at 8pm

"This is what adults do. Consenting, happy, fulfilled adults. I just put a camera in the room."

Flesh! Lights! Camera! Action! is a chart show for pornography. Think Top of the Pops with sex. It exists in a world where porn has gone mainstream. Here, adult stars are pop icons. The erotic is now the primetime. And porn has never been sexier.

Flesh! Lights! Camera! Action! is also a new show by The Brewing Company. It's about sexuality, feminism, the media, privacy and control. It's about getting angry, making a mess and starting conversations. It's about asking more questions than it answers. And it's about to explode...

Contains strong sexual imagery and language. Suitable for 16 years+

£9 (£7 students) / Members: £7.65 (£5.95 students)

For more information and to book: 700444

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MY NAME IS...

My name is June Gould
 My job is Potter
 When I was a kid I wanted to grow up to be a An Adult
(not there yet!)
 My worst habit is Optimism
 The celebrity that would play me in the film of my life would be Charlie Chaplin
 The song that best represents the soundtrack to my studio work is:-
Bailéiro by Netania Davraath, by Canteloube.



my
self
portrait.

My greatest achievement is My gorgeous vibrant family.
 My biggest inspiration is Les P'tit Faïtcheaux
 In 3 words I am loving my life.
 My motto / mantra is Always look on the bright side.
Merlin.
 If I was a superhero I would be clay, family, sea, crystals, painting.
 I couldn't live without Happiness is the journey, not
 The advice I would give my 12 year old self is The destination.
 Honesty the best policy? It's the only
Policy for one self!

EXHIBITIONS



Homegrown talent exhibits in London

The Brick Lane Gallery, 'Photography Now' exhibition.

Alexander Mourant, one of last years 'Gallery Magazine: Student Art Awards' finalists, last month participated in the 'Photography Now' exhibition at the Brick Lane Gallery in London. His series of work 'Beauty in Ruminations' represents Alexander's third encounter within the Gallery scene, allowing him to continue broadening himself as an individual, and as an artist.

Born in Jersey Alexander attended Bryanston School at the age of 13. Whilst studying there for five years he achieved the status of Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society, which led him to pursue photography further and resulting in his acceptance onto the BA (Hons) Photography degree course, at Falmouth University.

Having travelled throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, New Zealand, USA and Canada — cultural awareness and his affinity with differentiating landscapes has been largely enhanced. Under a strong influence from Michael Kenna and Richard Misrach, Alexander is now exploring seascapes, born naturally from his current Cornish environment and Jersey heritage.

www.alexandermourant.com

'Beauty in Ruminations' deals with the introspective notion of the 'self,' and its relation to an empathic landscape. By employing subtleties in weather, tone and overall atmosphere the series progresses from a comforting sublime aura, into something far more melancholy. Subjects appear immersed by a wistful stillness, evoking a sense of yearning - to be absorbed in the landscape, engulfed, or even consoled by it. Ultimately igniting that lost affinity between "created" and our environment.

- Alexander Mourant



To mark the 70th anniversary of Jersey's Liberation from Occupation at the end of the Second World War, Jersey Arts Trust is encouraging Islanders to use their creative skills to commemorate the occasion in the form of poetry. The winning poem from each category will receive a Kindle Reader and the two runners-up will receive £50 book tokens.

Turn the page to read more about the competition and how to submit your entry. More details are also available on our website: www.arts.je

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LIBERATION 70 POETRY COMPETITION



CULTURE NEWS



10 Artists Selected for the Bedell Creative Arts Programme

Following an extensive selection period, the Jersey Arts Trust is delighted to announce that 10 local artists of a variety of disciplines have been chosen to form the core group of this year's Bedell Creative Arts Programme.

Sam Falle, Todd MacDonald, Olivia Muscat, Jacqueline Mezec, Christian Foley, Rebecca Coley, Amber Hahn, Liz Shea, Jack Chown and Eryn Filippini have all been selected to benefit from the Programme's unique process.

The 10 artists will now go through a concentrated period of development where they will work under the professional guidance of industry professionals: Jasmiina Sipila, Alejandro Olate and Saara Hannula to realise their own artistic aspirations, as well as being given the opportunity to collaborate with the other selected artists. The collective results will be showcased at the Jersey Opera House in August, 2015.

The Bedell Creative Arts Programme is a year-long initiative, run by the Jersey Arts Trust in partnership with the Jersey Opera House and sponsored by Bedell and the One Foundation. It supports local creative artists in the development of their own craft and encourages people to collaborate with artists of different mediums to produce exciting new work. The Programme mixes artists of all practices – composers, song-writers, filmmakers, multi-media artists, dancers, choreographers, performance artists, writers, designers, directors, visual artists – who are interested in interdisciplinary collaboration to make original collective work.

Britain's Got Talent teen sensation Bars & Melody

The Happy Event Group is launching a first of its kind charity event, 'Teenage Rocks' with all profits in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust, Jersey Appeal.

'Teenage rocks!' a music fundraiser exclusively for age 16's and under will take place at Mimosa on Saturday 21 March and will feature Britain's Got Talent finalists, Bars & Melody performing live along with other local Jersey teen acts.

The Happy Event Group have teamed up with Airtel-Vodafone who will be sponsoring the event and offering teenagers free tickets and a £20 Jack Wills voucher if they switch their number to Airtel-Vodafone on Pay-as-you-go, plus the chance to win an iPad Mini and meet the band.

For more information visit the Airtel-Vodafone and The Happy Events Group Facebook pages. Tickets available via Eventbrite or visit the Airtel-Vodafone store for the free ticket offer.



Omid Djalili: Iranalamadingdong

Following a sell-out West-end residency and run at the Edinburgh Fringe, the award-winning stand-up returns to the island for two nights, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March, with his brand new show, Iranalamadingdong. Now recognised for his acting roles in films and television programmes, Omid is still very much at home on tour. Be prepared for sharp wit, controversial material and belly dancing as the thinking person's Iranian comic hilariously breaks boundaries.

Tickets are available from the Jersey Opera House box office for £23. Suitable for 16+



Classic Ghosts

Expect to be suitably spooked at Jersey Opera House this month with two spine-tingling masterpieces in one exhilarating theatrical production. Classic Ghosts will be showing live on stage from Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 March, 2:30pm & 8pm performances.

Award-winning veteran actor Jack Shepherd, best known for his role as Wycliffe, stars in both Charles Dickens' *The Signalman* and M.R. James' *Oh Whistle And I'll Come To You My Lad*. Terrence Hardiman (*The Demon Headmaster / Cadfael*) and Dicken Ashworth (*Coronation Street / Emmerdale*) also star in this lavish new double bill.

Tickets are on sale from £19.50. Jersey Opera House members get £5 off and concessions are available.



CCA Galleries International Internship for Local Art Students Sponsored by Rathbones

Once again CCA Galleries International invites local art students from across the Island to take part in the CCA Galleries International Internship Competition sponsored by Rathbones.

This year's competition is based on the theme 'Moment'. Work can be submitted in any media from drawing to painting, textiles, sculpture and photography, animations and installations. Since the competition launched in 2014, the competition has diversified by adding an additional category for students in Years 10 to 12 as well as the original Year 13 group.

The winner is given the opportunity to work with and alongside the UK's foremost printmakers and publishers - exploring their potential and developing new skills before pursuing a degree or career within the creative industry. Runner-up prizes include a 'whistle-stop' tour of CCA Galleries, incorporating Coriander and Curwen Studio, London as well as experiencing an art workshop at the Gallery led by a leading local artist. All short-listed candidates will have their work exhibited in a dedicated exhibition at CCA Galleries International, during August 2015.

Hautlieu School student, Kimberley Brockbank who won last years competition says; "The competition has really inspired me to pursue my creativity in the art world, I have learnt so much more about what I want to do and how this can be achieved. The overall experience was great, the people I met were truly passionate about what they do and everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. Hopefully one day one of my pieces will appear in CCA Galleries!"

**Students can enter online at www.ccagalleriesinternational.com/internship.
The deadline for entries is 20th May 2015.**

Can't Care, Won't Care

Catch the BBC Slam Champion Sophia Walker in action in the award-winning Can't Care, Won't Care live in Jersey Opera House's intimate studio space on Thursday 5th March at 8pm. Directed by Matt Panesh (aka Monkey Poet) and based on true events, this darkly comedic murder trial pits care worker against the State. After the interval, this spoken word double bill continues with a feature set from the multi-award winning Sophia.

**Tickets: £10-£12. Members £2 off.
Suitable for 14+.**



DON'T BE A NO-SHOW THIS MARCH!



RSC LOVE'S LABOUR'S WON

4th March 7pm

Live Screening

Better known as Much Ado About Nothing, this is the second of Shakespeare's pair of comedies broadcast live from the RSC. Amidst brittle post-war high spirits, youthful passions run riot and lovers are deceived.

Tickets: £11 - £12.50



MET OPERA ENCORE SCREENING: ROSSINI'S LA DONNA DEL LAGO

15th March 6pm

Based on Sir Walter Scott's epic poem and set in the medieval Scottish highlands, bel canto superstar Joyce DiDonato portrays the "Lady of the Lake" in this Met Opera premiere.

Tickets: £15-£17.50



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL FOREVERS

Encore Screening

17th March, 7pm

Adapted from the award-winning book by Katherin Boo, The Kumars' Meera Syal stars in this tumultuous and epic play set in India's slums.

Tickets: £11-£12.50



MAXINE PEAKE AS HAMLET

23rd & 24th March, 7pm & 1:30pm

Screenings

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CHARLENE HICKEY: NEW HORIZONS

Surrey born artist Charlene Hickey moved to Jersey five years ago, with the intention of following her heart and pursuing her career as an Artist, living closer to her true love - the sea.

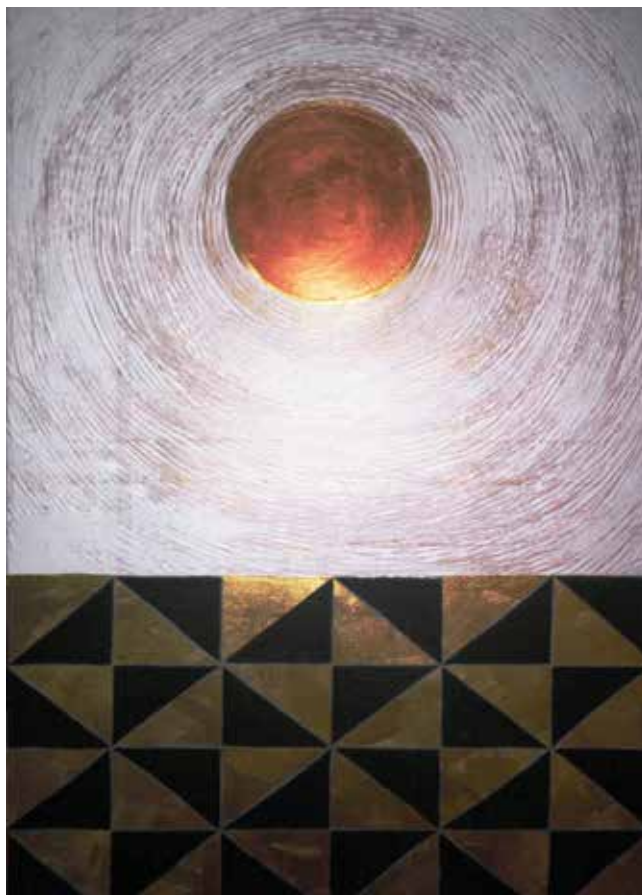
"I had read 'The Yes Man' on the ferry over and vowed to be a 'Yes Girl' from the moment I stepped foot onto the island!

Up until now my work has been strongly focused on the female form, gaining popularity in London for my Burlesque inspired pieces and portraying endless nudes, goddesses and mermaid figures in my exhibitions. It's as though I had a whole ancestry of sensual women that demanded to be seen and painted! I think they are very empowering and that's why the majority of my clients have been women."

But she has now found her creativity seeking an expression which is much simpler; "My work inevitably reflects my own experience and as I have worked through my own insecurities and found power and peace in myself, so too does my art evolve."

Charlene's latest exhibition titled 'New Horizons' is a new collection of work, inspired by fashion, by fashion, clean lines, clean slates, new beginnings, calm and tranquillity. The use of gold, silver and copper metallics feature strongly throughout the paintings to capture the feeling of sanctuary in this series. It will be adorning the walls of CocoRico, French café, 33 Broad Street, in the heart of St. Helier for a week.

**The opening night will be held between 5.30 and 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March. www.charlenehickey.com
Facebook: Charlene Hickey Art.**



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Liberation 70 Poetry Competition Launch

To mark the 70th anniversary of Jersey's Liberation from Occupation at the end of the Second World War, Islanders are being encouraged to use their creative writing skills to commemorate the anniversary in the form of poetry written especially for the event. The States of Jersey, working with the Jersey Arts Trust, are searching for new poems inspired by the 70th anniversary written by Jersey poets of all ages, including those currently studying abroad.

Islanders are asked to imagine the historic date, and could explore a range of subjects including what it would have been like to be present on Liberation Day on May 9th 1945 and how we see the importance of Liberation in the 21st Century in their poems.

The competition will be judged in three age categories: 7-11 years, 12-18 years and 18 years+. All the ages will be calculated on the entry date of the submission.

The winning poem from each category will be read out as part of the official programme of events celebrating the 70th Liberation Day anniversary during the afternoon of Saturday 9th May this year. First-prize winners in each category will also receive a Kindle Reader. Second-prize winners in each category will win £50 in book vouchers, and the local schools to which the winners belong in the student categories will receive £250 in book vouchers.

The closing date for all applications is Thursday 2nd April. The winners will be announced on Monday 13th April.

Application forms can be downloaded from: www.arts.je and will be available from the Jersey Arts Trust offices, 3 Charles Street; Waterstones; Jersey Library; and the St Helier Town Hall.



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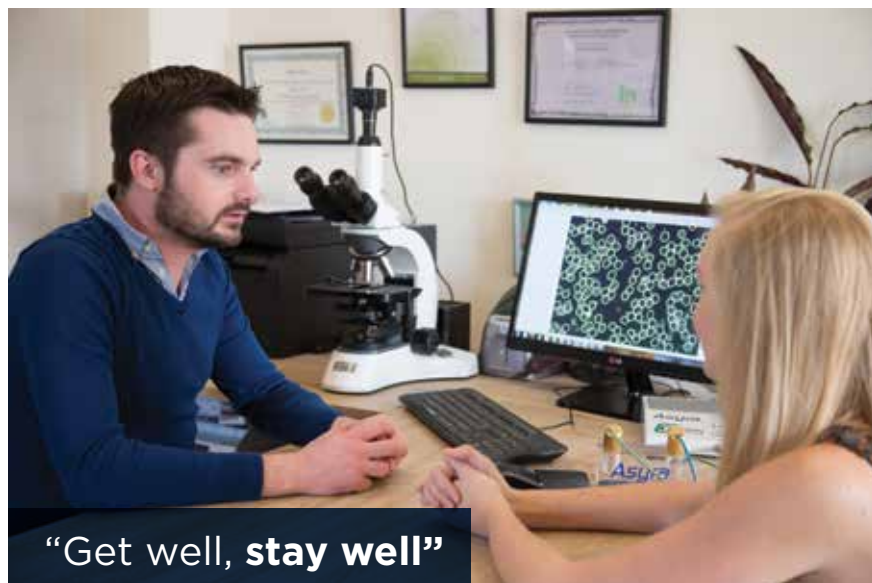


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BEAUTY NEWS



“Get well, stay well”

Have you noticed just how much information we're being bombarded with about our health? From articles shared on social media to dietary recommendations from friends, it seems like every month there's a new wellness trend we 'should' follow. It's enough to leave you feeling completely overwhelmed when it comes to making the right choices for your body.

So we met up with John Way, who has been a Wellness Practitioner for the last 12 years, to find out more about what he recommends for a good overall approach your health.

“One of the main things to remember is that what works for some, may not work for others. I've always believed in taking the time to really get to the root of people's health issues. Once you understand your body better it's easier to know what works best for you.

My philosophy has always been ‘Get well, stay well’ and so I've developed two programs that enable my patients to do just that.

Get Well is about finding the root cause of a problem and giving us the time and

space together to create the best program for your body to reach homeostasis as the inability to maintain this may lead to disease or disharmony. We're programmed in the Western world, to treat an ‘illness’ rather than maintain ‘wellness’. Stay Well, however, is a preventative approach to optimum health, I recommend check in's every three months to synchronise with the change of each season. Ultimately, my aim is for every patient I support to achieve homeostasis through our work together.”

John is trained in a number of modalities, some of which include; Phytobiophysics TM, nutritional microscopy, food sensitivity testing, podo-rhacidian mobilisation technique and he is registered with the Complementary Therapists Association.

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Consultations are conducted in John's clinic, located in St Brelade. For more information visit www.johnway.je or call 07797 956 294.

Would you like everything?

**Christopher Journeaux,
Therapy Jersey**



I mean it; would you like to be able to buy, consume everything you want? Why not? We are bombarded from all directions by people keen to tell us we are living in a consumer age. The government even suggests that we can support our struggling economy by purchasing stuff. Shop local and we re-invigorate St Helier and breathe new life into retail right across the Island. It sounds like a win-win scenario: we can buy everything we want and society is enriched and generally a good deal happier. Is there really no downside to this?

Well, yes there is. Actually it can be quite a large downside that is the beginning of a chain with the power to bring sleeplessness, anxiety and depression. Let's take a step back. Did you follow the events of Black Friday, the day of pure consumerism and materialism that welcomes the American Thanksgiving holiday? I was struck by a short interview with a man in London holding onto his very wide screen television with the grip of Samson himself. He was asked why he had struggled so hard to secure the discount booty. His response was telling. Said through a laugh he admitted he had no idea. His family had wide screen televisions in all their rooms. Then he paused and said: ‘I guess because there was a queue and it was so cheap. I had to get it no matter what’.

“Whilst materialism can drive us to mental unhappiness it can also hide low self-esteem and a lack of self-worth. We seek solutions to these in the ring of tills with little hope of success”

Research shows that whilst we continue to chase these seemingly pointless materialistic conquests no concurrent benefits have been found for our sense of well-being. In fact the reverse may well be the truth. A never ending pursuit of ‘things’ we do not need, that clutter up our lives and deliver only short periods of pleasure, feeds a sense of disappointment. An objective that always remains out of reach to buy our way happy. Whilst materialism can drive us to mental unhappiness it can also hide low self-esteem and a lack of self-worth. We seek solutions to these in the ring of tills with little hope of success.

Next time you are confronted by a seemingly irresistible bargain consider this: what is my reason for buying it? Pleasure, need, the joy of giving or something else? If we can understand that we are one small step closer to the mental health we deserve.



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Lorna Jackson from Health Point Acupuncture Clinic: "Stress can make it difficult to maintain a healthy lifestyle, however unhealthy choices after a hectic day may make you feel better in the short term but it won't tackle the root cause of the problem. Traditional acupuncture is an effective, evidence based therapy that can be a positive step for anyone wanting to get their stress levels back under control."

With 2.3 million acupuncture treatments carried out each year, traditional acupuncture is one of the most popular complementary therapies practised in the UK today. Based on ancient principles which go back nearly two thousand years, traditional acupuncture involves placing extremely fine, sterile needles painlessly at specific points on the body to trigger a healing response, release endorphins, the body's natural feel good hormones and restore balance.

"Although the research shows 1 in 10 of us think stress isn't serious enough to seek help, it's common to feel exhausted, overwhelmed and even depressed so finding support is vital. A course of traditional acupuncture helps to target the root cause of the problem as treatment is unique for each individual. Typically the cause could be a deficiency in the body exacerbated by overwork, working long hours, burning the candle at both ends or a lack of proper rest and nourishing food. Together with a specific treatment plan which addresses diet, exercise and lifestyle, many of my patients find traditional acupuncture to be a wonderfully relaxing experience."

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MEET TEAM CDG

Meet the friendly faces of the Dental Nursing team at The Cosmetic Dental Group (CDG).

From left to right: Kelly, Vanessa, Amanda and Jasmine.

Vanessa Marques

Lead Dental Nurse

Vanessa is CDG's go-to girl for all the clinical needs of such a busy practice. She monitors the General Dental Council Standards, the Continuous Professional Development of the team and new dental technologies whenever they emerge. When she's not at work, Vanessa is Mum to her beautiful daughter Beatriz and wife to Rui. The staff love Vanessa's naturally considerate nature, her scrumptious biscuit cakes and passion for travel; a trip to Mexico this month awaits!

Vanessa's top tip for healthy teeth is to bring your baby in as soon as they have their first tooth, that way we can make them comfortable at the practice and help with good brushing techniques from day one.

Kelly Gavin

Dental Nurse

Kelly is one of CDG's most experienced Dental Nurses, having been practising since 2008 and her completion of 'Dental Radiography for the Dental Professional' in 2012. The team love her cheeky nature and infectious giggle which is often overheard from surgery. Kelly lives for the beach and can often be spied at St Brelade or St Ouen paddleboarding, sunbathing or barbecuing on Jersey's many hot summer days! A smart cookie too, Kelly won the Lieutenant Governor's prize when she completed her Health and Social Care course.

Kelly recommends patients limiting the drinking of any acidic drinks with meals in order to ensure that the acids are broken down with your food.

Amanda Lee

Dental Nurse and Patient Care Coordinator

Amanda juggles a dual role at the practice, working both in surgery and at the front desk. Her clarity when describing treatments to patients is a real asset to CDG as is her attention to detail in all that she does. Amanda loves fashion and is always impeccably dressed. The CDG girls would all love to have a rifle through her wardrobe! Throughout planning her wedding to fiancé Harry this year, Amanda still finds time to attend Bootcamp regularly and enjoy a good gin and tonic!

Amanda recommends using a fluoride based toothpaste when brushing, as over time the minerals in the teeth break down and fluoride helps restore them.

Jasmine Grimes

Dental Nurse

Jasmine is the youngest member of the team and her energetic character keeps the Dentists on their toes! Always smiling and with the most amazing eyelashes, Jasmine is very easy to get along with. Her passion for elephants and dream of riding one into the jungle really sets her apart as does her countdown to having children! Although she and husband Elliot don't have any yet, she would like to have a boy and girl and really likes the names Adara and Leonardo, although this changes every year!

Jasmine's top tip would be to always brush your teeth before you eat breakfast in the morning as this limits the spread of any acid on the teeth.

If you would like to schedule your appointment at CDG, why not book online at www.toothpick.com/widget/jersey-cosmetic-dental or contact Ashley or Natalie on 731680

BECAUSE SHE'S WORTH IT

Stuck for ideas to whisk mum off her weary feet this Mother's Day? A trip to Les Roches Spa is guaranteed to work!

Nestled in the picturesque countryside of St Ouen, this award-winning spa promises the ultimate in relaxation – and from the moment you step inside, it doesn't disappoint.

The spa itself is home to a stunning heated pool surrounded by comfy poolside loungers, a hot tub brandishing views of the spa's very own tranquility garden and a chalet-style sauna – the perfect place to unwind prior to commencing an afternoon of tranquil treatments.

I'm here today to try the Mother's Day Retreat Package – a full three hours of pure pampering and indulgence, comprising complete use of the spa facilities, a relaxation session in the cocooning capsule, a Terraké full body massage and the choice of a Le Remedi handcare or ZenSpa footcare treatment, finished with a moreish cream tea.

My spa journey begins in the soothing confines of the cocooning capsule, an up-to-the-minute spa experience that guarantees to melt away your stresses and strains. On entering the capsule, I'm enveloped by a fusion of sweet smells, tranquil music, pleasant vibrations and a warm breeze.

30 minutes later – as my therapist leads me to one of four treatment rooms – I'm feeling a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of every day life. My next port of call

'The Terraké Massage Ritual' an ultimate beauty and wellness experience exclusive to Les Roches Spa.

This exclusive experience involves a combination of massage accessories and products, all of which are inspired by the birth of the earth.

Before beginning my sensory journey, I'm asked to choose between one of four uniquely scented Terraké oils (Earth, Water, Air and Plant) all of which correspond to their own individual massage tools. This innovative concept ensures a more personalised experience, allowing you to tailor the treatment to your state of mind. The Terraké full body massage embraces a combination of comforting movements, which are applied to the back, shoulders, neck, scalp, legs and feet – the end result – an exquisite sensation that plummets me into a deep state of relaxation.

Before bidding farewell to my therapist's healing hands, I'm treated to a luxury ZenSpa footcare treatment – the perfect antidote for winter-worn

skin. My therapist proceeds to exfoliate, massage and nurture my feet back to health with an assortment of deep conditioning creams.

Post massage, I meander back to the poolside, where a delightful cream

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tea of freshly baked scones, mountains of clotted cream and lashings of sweet strawberry jam await me.

The massage was fabulous, the surroundings calming and the staff effortlessly gracious. Although reluctant to leave the calming confines of Les Roches Spa, it's finally time to return to the real world, and I do so with a spring in my step – my mind stress-free, my body rejuvenated and my soul at ease.

With special prices available on both the Mother's Day 'Retreat' (£79) and 'Bliss' package (£55) – indulging your Mother this Mother's Day couldn't be easier.

Purchase gift vouchers online at www.lesroches.co.uk or call 01534 487856 today.



FASHION

BRAND NEWS



NEW BRANDS ALERT!

She'd look good in a SACK

The Halfon Family founded SACK'S in 1983 with a vision to creating a global fashion house with a stylish, luxury line for the contemporary consumer. Over the years SACK'S has gained a reputation for creating trendsetting collections that utilise the finest quality raw materials such as pure cotton, silk and cashmere. This is a boutique brand, known for its playful, experimental character and we're all a bit head over heels for their latest collection now in store at Manna.



The perfect Jean

DL1961 is a true 4 way stretch jean, which basically translates to them being the most super flattering jeans you'll ever put on! They have a huge celeb following with Jennifer Lawrence, Kendall Jenner and 'our' Cheryl all being big fans. One of our favourite things about them is that they don't lose their shape at all, so they can cope with being your staple pair of jeans and worn everyday! They also have a fantastic range of styles to cater for every shape. DL1961 2015 collection will be in store at Pebble later this month. **Prices starting from £145.**



BRAND WATCH

We've been loving each and every collection from the achingly cool french brand Zadig & Voltaire. This ready-to-wear fashion label was established in 1997 by Thierry Gillier who has fashion in his blood being the grandson of Andre Gillier who co-founded iconic brand Lacoste.

The brand has enjoyed undeniable success in the high end sector. Luxurious fabrics such as cashmere, silk and leather are the signature of Zadig & Voltaire. It embodies a new luxury by giving fashion basics a playful and resolutely rock 'n' roll twist: a more affordable, stylish and laid-back luxury.

Pictured is their textured white jumper from their 2015 collection.

PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTS FOR 15TH MARCH

The symbol of love

Throughout time, the heart has been associated with much mystical significance. Classical philosophers, Egyptian mythologists and Roman Emperors alike all believed the heart to be the single source of human emotion.

The elegantly handcrafted Mother & Daughter pendant features two individual pendants to be worn separately, joining two people together in the most beautiful way.

Containing rare Welsh gold, the Mother & Daughter pendant from Clogau symbolises a special relationship of love and affection.

**Available exclusively from Rivoli Jewellers
priced at £254.00**



Make her sparkle!

Delicate lilacs and pretty pinks are the theme of the Mothers Day collections by Swarovski this year. Inspired by early spring flowers, the beautiful Christie collection is easy to combine with other jewellery thanks to its soft hues and delicate sizes.

If you want to add an edginess to the new collections then try out the ear jackets. Right on trend, these earrings can be worn simply as a stud or with the ear jacket that sits just below your ear lobe.

The Stardust Collection continues to grow with fabulous new knot necklaces and fresh summer colours being added.

TREND NEWS



Trend Spot

The simple cable stitch jumper is having a renaissance this spring. It's cosy, it's pretty and it looks great over shorts and little summer dresses. Earthy shades are best to pull off the cute girl-next-door look. We love this little gem pictured from the 2015 White Company collection. Doesn't she look happy in hers? We want to be that happy and we're sure that that jumper is the key!

The White Company Clothing is available at Voisins.



A how-to-guide

We've just been looking at the J.Crew 2015 menswear look book and it is basically the ideal guide for men on how to look smart and stay warm. Their shoot stylist needs a pat on the back for hitting the nail, quite so squarely, on the head! All of these looks are timeless and ageless, a young professional is going to look just as good as a silver fox in any one of these outfits. Take a leaf out of their book and dress smart this spring with clever layering, good colour choices and classic pieces!



Head over heels

The new 360 Cashmere collection now in at Manna includes the most perfect ponchos! Ponchos are ideal for snuggling into as the weather makes its slow transition into spring time, and a full cashmere poncho is all the better! They're elegant, feminine and a firm fashion favourite. All hail the poncho.

TOP FASHION

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

TO CHECK OUT

THIS MONTH



@TASHOAKLEY

With all the cold weather over here visit this account to get warmed up. Natasha Oakley is the co-founder of A Bikini A Day. With the most enviable figure and the world's best bikini collection she is perfect insta-stalking material. Her pictures are full of days spent at the beach in wonderful clothing and of course bikinis galore! If you're heading on holiday then take a look for some great inspiration.



@SINCERELYJULES

Run by Julie Sarinana this top blogger shares all her latest looks and desirable purchases. Her down to earth, every day look is easy to emulate. This girl has fab style and we love seeing her latest and greatest outfit combinations.



@COURTNEYBABYCCINO

Courtney Adamo is a mother of four and Co-Founder of Babbyccino Kids. If you have children then this account is full of lovely picture inspiration of cool kid looks. Her sweet children are the perfect little models to showcase all the clothing she sells in her shop. Head here to find out about little known boutique brands.

if i could turn back time...

Photography and styling: Danny Evans
Hair & Makeup: Chantal Sabrina Quinou
Styling assistant: Lucy Sanderson
Model: Demi-Leigh Cavey

Hat: **£25** from **River Island**
Sunglasses: **£13** from **River Island**
Skirt: **£30** from **River Island**
Shirt: **£175** by Weekend MAXMARA from **Voisins**
Poncho: **£35** from **River Island**
Boots: **£170** by Carvela at **Voisins**
Bag: **£249** by RIANI at **Renaissance**





Dress: **£148** by Karen Millen from **De Gruchy** Fur Coat: **£247.75** by Whistles from **Voisins** Shoes: **£65** by Miss KG from **Voisins**



Trousers: **£145** by Maison Scotch from **Voisins** Shirt: **£65.10** by Karen Millen from **De Gruchy** Shoes: **£80** by Miss KG from **Voisins**





Dress: **£469** by Diane Von Furstenberg from **Renaissance** Shoes: **£70** by Miss KG from **Voisins** Necklace: Model's own



Top: **£170** by GANNI from **Manna**
Bottoms: **£145** by GANNI from **Manna**
Headband: **£7** from **River Island**

Shoes: **£70** by Miss KG from **Voisins**
Necklace: Model's own

DANNY EVANS IS A FREELANCE COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER WHO HAS SPENT THE PAST 18 YEARS HONING HIS SKILLS. HAVING STARTED OUT LONG BEFORE THE AGE OF THE DIGITAL CAMERA, DANNY'S EXPERTISE IS VAST AND AS SUCH, THE WORK HE PRODUCES HAS BEEN WIDELY SOUGHT AFTER BY LOCAL BUSINESSES AND GLOBAL BRANDS ALIKE.

Specialising in creative advertising campaigns, Danny has been commissioned by major brands and his work has been featured in international magazines and on billboards from Singapore, Australia and Europe to the UK. Fashion photography is his passion; he's the mastermind behind our monthly fashion shoots (he's been with us since the start!), but as lucky as we are to have him, he is also busy working on an array of different projects on and off island.

Danny's studio is tucked away in St Helier, his base for the past three years. The studio set up allows Danny to let his creativity run, enabling incredible set designs and unique lighting set ups, something that sets him apart locally from other photographers. Having invested in top end equipment, Danny is able to create sublime settings on location; favouring the unfavourable – or at least, settings which you may not consider aesthetically pleasing... Danny turns the mundane in to something unique and beautiful.

The evolution...

Currently updating his equipment to the world class Phase One camera system, we asked Danny to talk us through the evolution of his equipment and what's made his career click.

"I started out as a kid, pressing the buttons on the family camera, a Kodak Instamatic and not long after, my sister bought me a Boots own brand compact. I took such

good care of that camera, I even remember the faux velvet box that it came in – I used to remove the batteries each time I used it and place them all back in the box to keep it brand new.

I borrowed cameras from my friends until I was able to afford my own; the first camera I bought was a Nikon FM which I used to capture my friends skateboarding – it had a fish eye lens that was pretty cool at the time; an essential lens for skate

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photography – allowing you to get close, sometimes too close (injuries to prove it!).

I started to work for Steve Wellum and he introduced me to the best equipment a photographer could get – he also imparted a wealth of knowledge and expertise, setting my course in photography. My interest turned to fashion photography so I bought myself a Hasselblad ELM, a medium format camera. From the Hasselblad I moved on to Mamiya RZ67, both featured a Polaroid back so for the first time I could actually view the images straight away. Back in the day, most of the time, we'd have to wait to see the images after they'd been

developed and only then would you realise if you'd captured a shot as you'd hoped. With the Mamiya not only was the quality far superior, but along with the Hasselblad I had top class equipment for that time, enabling me to capture minute detail and sharpness unlike I'd experienced before.

As I progressed and went freelance, setting up my own studio, I used my Mamiya until I switched to digital, which in my profession was an absolute must. The

quality dropped somewhat but the speed at which I could produce work was unbelievable. I carried on shooting on compact film cameras for personal projects; at the time I still much preferred the result. Over the years, digital obviously became industry standard and is now second to none in terms of quality. I could never go back to film now,

with such reliance on the capabilities that digital allows, being able to shoot direct in to computers enables me (and my clients) to review the images as they appear.

With Phase One, I am able to step back in to medium format photography with the highest possible quality – 80 million mega pixels! This suits me down to the ground, as a perfectionist I am always seeking the finest quality and flawlessness."

To see more of his work visit:
www.dannypphoto.com
[f dannyevansphotography](#)



LIFE THROUGH A LENS



StyleStalker

We sent our Style Stalker out onto the streets of St Helier, camera in hand, to find some fashionable folk who are ahead of the trends and working their own style.



Jeff Boyd

40, Holidaymaker

"I got the whole outfit for my birthday"

What's not to like about this incredibly well put together outfit, we're not sure whether that's all down to Jeff or his fabulous wife who brought the clothes for his birthday. The brogues are the standout item, we love them!



Alexandra Boyd

35, Holidaymaker

"I love bright colours"

This is certainly one item that you hope no one else has purchased. Alexandra could be spotted making her way up King Street in this Ted Baker wool coat. Over visiting the island it's unlikely we'll see it again, beautiful!



Dan Jolliffe

31, Financial Advisor

"It's work clobber"

Nice jacket Dan! Dressing for work, whilst easier for men can often be a chore, but with this classic navy blue suit and white shirt combo you're pulling it off well, the smart crombie jacket is the perfect finishing touch.



Tamarin Marriot-Wilkinson

28, Freelance Writer and PR

"I bullied my Mum in to buying the scarf"

We've been a little bit naughty choosing Tam, as she's one of our writers here at Gallery. But when she rocked in to work with this fabulous outfit on we couldn't resist including her. Her LK Bennett shoes are top of our list of her accessories to steal, this month!



Kasia Tomala

22, Notary Assistant

"Office smart"

The simplicity of the neutral palette is what made this outfit one of our choices this month. Stylishly layering her cape and coat Kasia has pulled off work smart with a fashionable edge.



Kasia Guzik

30, Marketing Executive

"I love anything leopard print & red"

This outfit really stood out on the streets of St Helier. The great combination of the leopard print with the red highlights popped as Kasia walked past, meaning we had to stop her to take a picture of her fabulous outfit.

APPETITE



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TO BE?

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GLUTEN FREE?

WORDS Freya Richardson



THE GREAT GLUTEN FREE CON HAS FALSELY ASSURED PEOPLE THAT SWAPPING EVERYDAY PRODUCTS FOR GLUTEN-FREE IS A HEALTHY CHOICE- BUT THIS IDEOLOGY COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THESE PRODUCTS ARE DOING NOTHING MORE THAN LEAVING YOUR WALLET LIGHTER AND THE SCALES HEAVIER.

With the enviable figures of celebrities on the cover of every glossy magazine admitting to following a low-gluten diet, it is no wonder demand for gluten-free products has dramatically increased in recent years - record growth figures value the industry to be worth more than £0.5bn.

In the past a gluten-free loaf would be hard to find, a vacuum-packed long-life loaf could be used as a weapon- intended for coeliacs and the occasional hippy. But now even Pizza Express is offering a gluten-free base, who would have predicted that 10 years ago? Most people probably hadn't even heard of gluten 10 years ago.

Should we all join this pandemic craze? Is it a healthier lifestyle or will it pile on the pounds? Making the swap may not be all it's cracked up to be.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye. It is what gives dough its elastic texture essentially acting as glue. All your favourite carbs will contain it plus it is hidden in most processed foods to increase flavour, texture and shelf life. This makes cutting it out a seemingly impossible mountain to climb; what is there left to eat unless you want the diet of a rabbit?

The growth of free-from foods are no doubt making the life of coeliacs more enjoyable but with only an estimated 1% of the population diagnosed with the disease (an actual allergy to gluten), the boom is coincidental with the rise in intolerance suffers.

It has been claimed a staggering 40% of the population could be suffering from intolerance, symptoms including anything from bloating and lack of energy to hair

loss and bad skin. Research is contradictory to whether intolerance actually exists or it's just another placebo effect. However sceptic or not, for some it has proven results of increased energy and weight-loss. It is this slimming effect that suggests a simple swap to gluten-free products could provide a quick and easy solution to help us achieve the dream bikini bod, just like those front cover celebs.

It should come as no surprise a large bowl of pasta is going to leave your jeans a little tight, whether intolerant or not. Thanks to Google and your local medicine man the majority of consumers fuelling the growth in gluten-free products are self-diagnosed.

Wheat has many overlooked good nutrients including fibre, calcium and vitamin B, which gluten-free products lack. On average they are three times the price of their regular counterparts and have a worryingly low nutritional content with little to no health benefits.

We have evolved to include too much of this protein in our diets and it is not sitting well with the nations gut. It is not wheat, barley and rye causing this pandemic 'intolerance' but the rise of processed foods.

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No one likes a diet denying you of a cheeky 11am choccy digestive or a mouth-watering bacon roll calling your name when you're hungover; but carbs are a dirty word for

those trying to drop a dress size or two and starving yourself to hanger (food-anger) is not appealing to most.

The words 'gluten-free' are more attractive to the health conscious than ever before, but no one can tell us why. Once you take into consideration the significantly higher levels of saturated-fat, sugar and salt needed in order to make them as similar as possible to the original product, you will be steering clear of this glossy new aisle when doing your weekly shop.

By removing gluten from products where it is normally key, it is hard for manufactures to keep the product tasty and in shape

once they cook. For example, Warburton's gluten and wheat-free sliced brown bread has 7.7 g of fat per 100 g, compared with 2.5 g per 100 g in their regular loaf. As well as many unpronounceable additives, all add up to it not being the healthy product you may have once thought.

The best 'low gluten diet' is not to substitute your average product for a gluten-free product but rather to be imaginative and introduce a larger variety of food types to your diet. Genuine allergy or intolerance suffers should focus on a diet of fresh fruit, veg, meat, fish and unprocessed foods. Don't eat foods with a long list of ingredients, three quarters of which you can't pronounce. This will leave you with glossy hair, a trimmer figure and bounding with energy. A muffin is still a muffin whether it's gluten-free or not.

As cliché as it may sound the best diet really is a balanced diet, yes eat less gluten but it is a myth to think you will loose weight by substituting your cupboard staples for the gluten-free variety.

APPETITE NEWS



The newly refurbished Cornish Bakery, Pasty Presto has reopened for business at Liberty Wharf. Pasty Presto takes inspiration from its Cornish roots. They create authentic, freshly-baked World champion pasties and serve them up with their hand roasted coffee, buttery French pastries and an array of other tasty delights. They are officially recognised as World Champion pasty bakers thanks to their Pasty Presto 'Traditional' steak winning the 2013 World Championships at the Eden Project.

Pasty Presto comes from a long Cornish lineage. Working with their founder Steve Grocutt, a butcher's wife in Mevagissey baked the first traditional Cornish Pasty Presto pasty in the first ever store. They're particularly passionate about the provenance of their pasty ingredients. Beef, potatoes, onions and swede are all sourced from the very best individual farmers, butchers and producers that Cornwall has to offer.

Their delicious coffee comes from the incredibly dedicated team at Union, who

source the best beans direct from farmers across the world and then painstakingly roast them by hand. They work with Union Coffee for two reasons; they're coffee connoisseurs and insist upon the smoothest and richest cup; and they are completely committed to ethical trade. Their Union Coffee is a blend of five continents, hand roasted in the UK for your ultimate coffee experience.

And their pastries are injected with the finest French 'ooh la la', beautifully developed by their Celtic Breton cousins' artisan bakers. All their pastries are sourced in Brittany, prepared and proved overnight, and baked on the same day for that perfect Breton taste. They are a French favourite; and ours too.

With friendly staff and a fresh, welcoming atmosphere, seating areas inside and outside - Pasty Presto is a great place to have a lunch, a snack or take a well earned break from shopping whilst using their free WiFi to keep up-to-date with your social networking.

Pasty Presto, Liberty Wharf

Open Mon-Thursday 8am - 6pm, Friday & Saturday 8am - 10pm, Sunday 10am - 6pm.



IMPORTANT FOODIE ALERT!

Choc Shot

Have you tried the hot chocolate liquor shot at the Salty Dog in St Aubin's? If your answer is 'hell yes' - then isn't it just THE tastiest thing in the world? All the superlatives there are can't do this wonderful creation justice! If your answer in 'no' then you urgently need to hot-foot it there now, you are seriously missing out on one of the most delicious desserts known to man.... we're not kidding... get up... go now!

Brighten up breakfast

Are you a big fan of boiled eggs and soldiers? Then Arthur the egg cup and his fellow knights of the breakfast table are for you! This sweet armor egg cup comes with a serving spoon that doubles as sword for your newly knighted hard boiled egg.

www.animicausa.com



Cup-o-love

We've just seen these pretty heart mugs by designer Sophie Conran and we're smitten. It would be so lovely to wake up and have our morning tea out of one of these beauties. They come in a set of four so they'd make a perfect Mother's Day pressie and you could present it to her by making her breakfast in bed too!

www.sophieconran.com

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STANLEY PAYN

Holme Grown at Fauvic Nurseries

The origins of the business go back 100 years when William Payn started growing outdoors for export at la Rocque. He also ran a shop and bakery for the local community.

Sales of outdoor tomatoes expanded and so did the Payn business with four generations of the family following the original William. Sadly with the rise of energy prices, the pressure of Multiples to cut prices the profitability of the industry declined and exports ceased in 2007.

Meanwhile from the late 1990's, Fauvic Nurseries diversified by growing herbs for local retail, hotel and restaurant outlets. The range is extensive with over 30 different cultivars on site either for fresh cut product or pots, which will be the ones you see in most local supermarkets now.

A barrow on the roadside selling our tomatoes, herbs and other salad crops proved so popular that a farm shop was born in 2003, just inside the entrance of the nursery and as they say the rest, is history. The next phase of our development is due to open in time for Spring, be sure to keep an eye out for details on our expansion plans.



RICHARD LEE

Jersey Angus

Richard Lee, of La Caroline Farm in St Peter, is the first one of a small group of cattle farmers based in Jersey who are producing mixed breed, part Jersey cow, part Aberdeen Angus. Jersey Angus cattle are produced from dairy cows no used for breeding replacements to the dairy herd. The animals are reared separate to the dairy herd as it is important to have the correct diet in order to have lean tender meat.

Richard first started farming at La Caroline in 1983 and now has a herd of 220 milking cows and 80 followers, as well as 140 beef animals ranging from freshly born to two years of age. In total 440 animals and the beef numbers are rising all the time.

The locally produced beef first went on sale in 2011 and can now be found in the Grande Marche Stores in St Helier and St Peter, and also County Butchers at Rondels Farm Shop. Jersey Angus Beef is lean and very flavoursome.



DON THOMPSON

President of the Jersey Fishermen's Association

The Jersey Fishermen's Association was established in 1955. The association to this day represents the professional fleet on the local and international stage.

Our historic fishing industry dates back to the 1800s and the great pioneers who crossed the Atlantic under sail to catch cod and to eventually establish a Jersey community on the Gaspe Peninsular.

In the early 1950s Jersey fishermen pioneered the 'Channel' fishery for crab using offshore vivier boats previously unknown outside of Brittany. Those boats went on to exploit new grounds as far north as West Scotland and the Hebrides.

Whilst the methods have changed little over time, consumers' needs and wants have seen the most notable changes within the industry. People would now rather have their shellfish picked and pre-prepared.

There is also a greater desire to ensure the sustainability of our fish stocks, which means we are more likely to see the MSC brand appearing. The MSC is the world's leading certification and ecolabelling program for sustainable seafood, of which the Jersey and Normandy lobster is a member.

A Perfect Pairing

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Renowned for their fantastic food-centricity and fine wines, the Salty Dog, now in their 16th year of business, have undergone a complete wine overhaul, choosing the famed Dunell's Premier Wines as their sole suppliers.

Adopting an entirely personal approach, Dunell's have taken it upon themselves to customise this popular restaurant's existing wine list, selecting a series of great wines that are designed to enhance the food and wine experience at the Salty Dog.

The new selections perfectly complement Salty's many diverse dishes and flavours, as well as today's ever-changing palates. To celebrate this partnership, The Salty Dog played host to not one, but two sell-out wine events last month. The wine evenings took place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February and featured none other than Kevin Judd and of course, liberal pourings of his much-loved wines.

Regarded as one of the most versatile and knowledgeable personalities in the wine world, Kevin knows a thing or two about sourcing the best grapes, which made him a fitting guest for this exclusive event. Once the pioneer of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc at Cloudy Bay (Kevin directed the company's first 25 vintages) – he now owns his own multi-award winning wine label 'Greywacke' – the product of an exciting solo venture motivated by his experiences over the years. Much of which he shared with the diners and wine enthusiasts at both events.

Named after New Zealand's prolific bedrock, each of the Greywacke wines boast Kevin's famed style – a fusion of ripe fruit, fine balance, great concentration and superb varietal intensity. The selected grapes are vinified using 'non-interventionist' techniques and sourced solely from superior, low yielding vineyard sites in and around Marlborough's Southern Valleys. The end result – wines

perfectly suited to a diversity of delightful dishes – many of which you will have already tried and love. A few of the well-found varieties included his superb Sauvignon Blancs, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir and the utterly delectable late harvest Riesling. Some innovative accompaniments were also revealed at the events – the theme of which surrounded their famous Surf and Turf – which I am sure, many will agree, has to be the best on the island!

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The events appealed not only to wine lovers, but also, lovers of art. Expanding his career into the world of wine and landscape photography, Kevin has published and written several of his own photographic books. If you were lucky enough to attend either of the evenings, you would have received a memento featuring an insight into his evocative images that have appeared in publications worldwide.

If you weren't fortunate enough to attend either event, you'll be pleased to learn that another wine dinner will be taking place in early November & December. In the meantime, head down to the Salty Dog for some of Jersey's best food and take a closer look at their new, exciting wine selection.

The Salty Dog Bar & Bistro / 01534 742760 / www.saltydogbistro.com

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Welcome to gallery's 2015 Bridal Bible

So you're getting married! Eek, wahoo and good luck!

It is our mission to inspire you with new ideas and help with the practicalities of planning a wedding in Jersey.

The next twenty-six pages are full to the brim with expert advice, top tips and a whole plethora of prettiness and wonder that you can incorporate into your big day. From beauty basics to stationary essentials, we've tracked down the best people to help guide you through this fantastic time.

Our handy A-Z format means that everything is laid out as easy to absorb bite-size information. We've tried to make this guide useful for all ages, so if you're being swept off your feet at 16 or have only just met Mr Right at 81 then there should still be something in here for you.

Make sure you check out the fab drinks guide from the team at Love Wine and also all the great goodies that Liberty Wharf has to offer to make your day run smoothly. Our wedding checklist is one of the best in the business, so, as long as you've checked off all those boxes, then you are ready to tie the knot.

Enjoy your planning and try and refrain from being too much of a bridezilla, although this is your moment, so milk it!

Love, hugs and lots of wonderful wedding wishes,

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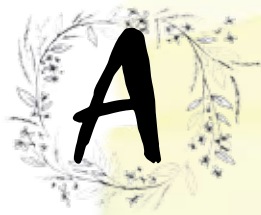
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The Paper Foundry began when I started creating wedding invitations for close friends and my own wedding last year. Since then I have developed a diverse range of wedding stationery to fit the tastes, budget and scale of any couple.

Prior to starting The Paper Foundry I worked as a freelance Illustrator for eight years for clients such as GQ, T4 and Nokia. Over this time I quickly learnt that there is no room for error and this is also especially true in the wedding world.

From hand-drawn invitations to bespoke cocktail menus, every one-of-a-kind design is a personal reflection of you and your special day. Each couple is led step-by-step from paper selection through to the printing process, as we craft the invitations that are tailor-made for you. The creativity doesn't end at the envelope, we can also create coordinating event décor such as menus, signage, and even smaller items such as place name cards or table numbers. Every detail of your wedding is important and that's why every aspect is designed and custom-made to reflect the overall theme of your special day.

I am truly passionate about what I do and hopefully this shows in my work - Paul Mann Conway - The Paper Foundry.

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Top Wedding Stationery Trends for 2015

by the team from Ananya Stationary

Planning to tie the knot in 2015? Need some help and inspiration for your wedding? Vaishali Shah, founder of luxury stationers Ananya, reveals the wedding stationery that will be bang on trend this year.

Softly Does It Soft, feminine pastel shades will continue to be favoured. Pinks in particular will be popular, but not just any pink. It will be 'barely pink' rather than 'bold pink' - the subtlest hint of pink is what it's all about.

Metals Steal the Show Gold has always been in fashion, but in 2015 silver will take on an extra sparkle. Combined with soft grey and pearly white foil stamping, and embellished with crystals for added effect, your invitations will look positively celestial!

Lace it Up! The romantic appeal of lace will remain unabated in 2015. Adding embellishments will take it up a notch.

Font Appeal Fonts give you choices galore in giving the right look and tone to your wedding invites. They can be adapted to reflect your wedding style, location and your personality. To convey your individuality, fonts that curl and sway are quaint and add a touch of quirkiness.

Rustic and Back to Nature We can always rely on nature to inspire us to create the right rustic look for our wedding stationery. Sunny colours, flowers, bees and butterflies can all be included in the design for an uplifting tone to the invitations. Earthy tones with textures such as jute and linen will reflect a more rustic, organic and down to earth feel.

Around the Globe Influences from around the world will continue to seep into wedding stationery. Incorporating aspects and themes, whether it's the geometric shapes found in Moroccan tiles, traditional motifs from Indian fabrics or designs from African carvings, our fascination for exotic cultures continues unabated. Coupled with warm, jewel tones or rich earthy ones, they bring a touch of exotic vibrancy to your stationery.

Marsala, Pantone's Colour of the Year Named Colour of the Year by Pantone, marsala looks set to dazzle the wedding scene in 2015. The rich, earthy wine red is wonderful as a base colour for wedding stationery.

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A Cut above the rest



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In addition to this, the hotel's south facing Waterfront Terrace is ideal for chilled welcome drinks and a beautiful setting for stunning photos. Adjoining the restaurant, the modern glass-fronted Elizabeth Room accommodates up to 80 guests for private dining and benefits from a private terrace area with uninterrupted views of the marina. For larger ceremonies and receptions, Rocco Suite can cater for up to 250 friends and family who wish to celebrate the big day.

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Make up tips by the wonderful Kiera Tompkins from Urban Rose

'There are a couple of things worth keeping in mind when choosing your picture perfect look for your wedding day.'

Firstly, I always recommend that my brides create a mood board of pictures that inspire them. You can do this by either cutting pictures out of bridal magazines or go digital and use 'Pinterest' online; this is a quick way for any make-up artist to see what look it is that you want to go for, whether that might be glowy and natural, Hollywood glam, or Kardashian contoured.

Secondly, always book a trial before your big day. Scheduling a consultation and trial with your chosen make up artist is well worth your time, it will give you the peace of mind that you will look and feel your best on your special day.

Urban Rose believes that the art of make-up should always enhance and bring out your natural beauty, rather than mask it. Your face will be the most photographed on your wedding day, so it is important that your make-up looks flawless and lasts all day.



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The Winery room holds up to 150 people and offers a very unique setting for an exclusive wedding reception. It incorporates state of the art lighting and provides a perfect canvas to personalise the entire decor with your own ideas.

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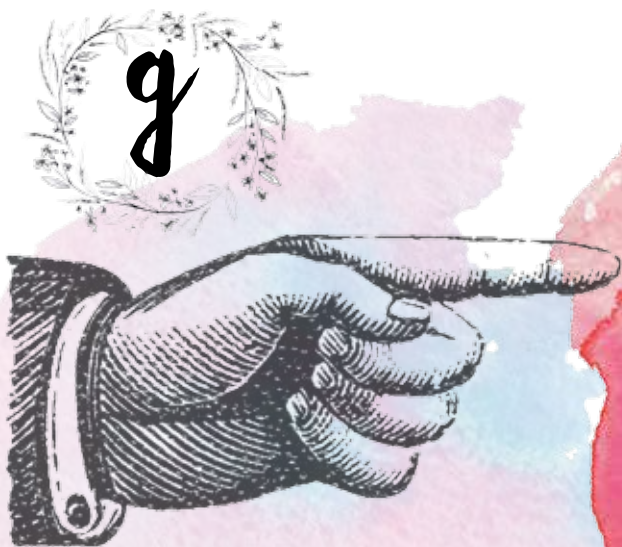


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Furthermore, there are a variety of Scandinavian and Parisian style gifts in store – ideal for guests wishing to present the happy couple with elegant engagement and wedding offerings. Choose from cutesy keepsake boxes (the perfect place to store cherished, precious wedding memories), photo albums, and an abundance of trinkets, comprising lucky six pence pieces, horseshoes and miniature hand carved bride and groom collectables.



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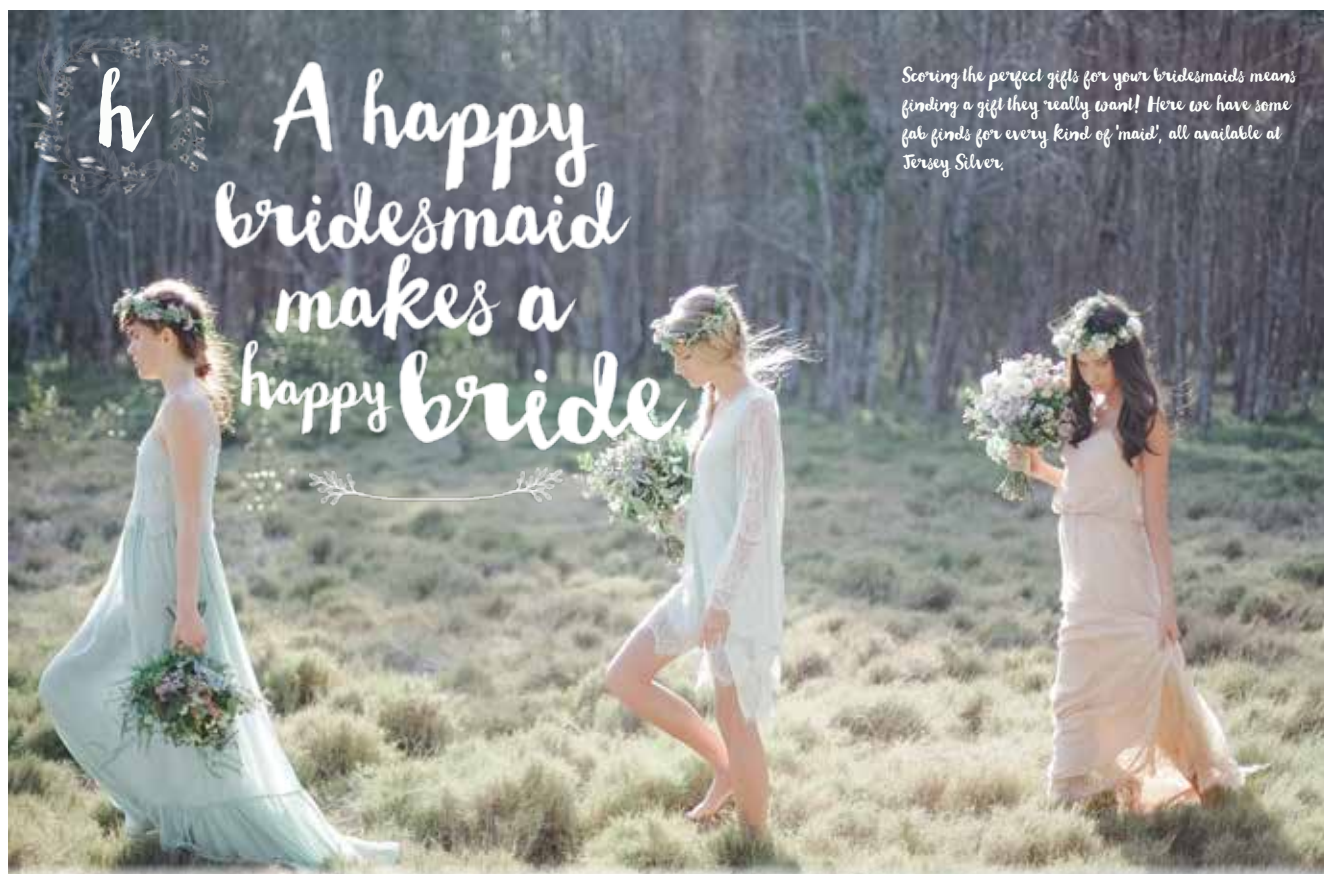
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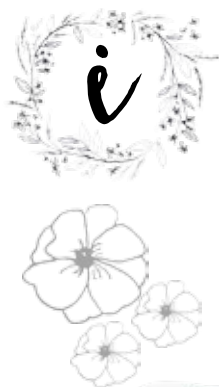


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WORDS Decia de Jesus from Kiss & Make Up

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A Kiss Captured

The Perfect Picture, Matt Porteous, Photographer

“For me, being a wedding photographer is about being a storyteller. Telling the story of two people in love, making the decision to spend their lives together. Love is what it's all about. What do I love? Colour, natural light, people...and photography of course. Photography is my passion, it makes me smile. I'm lucky in that weddings bring all of that together, the intensity of feeling of two people in love, the opportunity to reflect their wedding in the natural light of a day of celebration, and the unique characters and interactions I capture from behind my lens. The beauty of a wedding is found in the details, which always evolve and develop during the day to become something unique. I love capturing them all, from the subtle to the emotional, and creating a visual narrative of authentic moments that are true to the couple.”

Matt Porteous is an award-winning wedding and wedding destination photographer and was named Professional Photographer's Wedding Photographer of the Year 2014.





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**Main Course Red - A.A. Badenhorst 'Secateurs'
Red, 2012, Swartland, S.A. - £10.95**

A.A. Badenhorst is a real character and this is especially evident in this wine, a blend of eight grapes; Syrah, Cinsault, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tinta Barocca, Pinotage, Mourvedre, Carignan & Grenache he packs a lot into it!

Full of personality and full of flavour, lots of red fruit, fresh, with supple tannin. The Secateurs is sure to get your guests into the celebratory spirit.



For the Cheese – Dalva Colheita Port 1967 - £68.95

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The moment you step inside Aurum Jewellers, you're bombarded with images of exquisite stones, sparkling diamond rings, bespoke pieces and creative collections. Of course, searching for the perfect wedding band is an experience like no other, and one best explored when you have plenty of time.

We caught up with Julian De La Cour, Manager at Aurum, to learn the latest on wedding bands, exclusive giftware and groom-worthy timepieces.

Choosing the Perfect Wedding Band

Since this is one of the few pieces (if not the only piece) of jewellery you'll wear forever, it's a good idea to make some preliminary choices before beginning your search for the perfect wedding band. From deciding on a metal to picking a design that sits seamlessly with your engagement ring, to selecting a simple, over-the-top or unique style, there are a number of factors to consider. Having an idea in mind will certainly help you when it comes to narrowing the search down.

Pick a design that reflects your style

The key to finding something you love is to pick a design that reflects your individual style. Handmade jewellery commissions are one of Aurum's greatest successes. Our in house designer, Alexa, is able to transform client's concepts into original items of jewellery, providing detailed hand drawn sketches that incorporate gemstones of your choice – all to a set budget. You can even opt to have both rings engraved. The end result – a personalised, tailor-made piece created using centuries-old traditions, painstaking skill and endless patience.

Keep your lifestyle in mind

The goal is to choose a wedding band that is effortless to wear. Aurum's talented team are here to help you when it comes to choosing a timeless style you can wear everyday without fail. If you play sports or an instrument, look for a slimmer ring with rounded edges. If you work with your hands, search for a simple, solid style bandishing fewer gemstones or carvings (both can trap dirt). If you're extremely active, choose platinum – the most durable metal available.

Size it right

Both overly warm and cold conditions can slightly alter the size of our hands. It's therefore important to schedule your final ring fitting at a time when your body temperature is at a normal level. This small yet powerful piece of jewellery is something you'll wear everyday – you'll want it to fit comfortably!

Consider maintenance

The majority of us will rarely take off our wedding bands, regardless of season or situation. Besides from considering your lifestyle and profession, it's a good idea to contemplate the maintenance of your ring. Even if you don't want to, there are times when removing your wedding band is a must. The likes of sweat and sand can easily damage metal – so if you're an avid gym or beach-goer, it's important to think twice about where you wear your ring.



There is so much pressure to make the bride to be's hen party the most memorable occasion, so it's important to get it right. Decadence Events hen party packages are designed to give you a full budget range of choice, we can arrange the entire hen party for you or we can help you with specific areas of your party, such as activities and entertainment. Decadence Events are leading hen party organisers who are here to help. From burlesque classes to life drawing workshops to having a vintage make over and photo shoot. We also offer a wedding planning service that is tailored around you and we will work in whatever way suits you and your lifestyle. Our approach to wedding planning is bespoke we do not offer packages, we help you get your perfect wedding while working to your budget.

One final fling before the ring



Perfume is the indispensable complement to the personality of a woman, the finishing touch to any dress.



No bride's ensemble is complete without an incredibly beautiful fragrance to match. From extravagantly opulent to elegantly free-spirited, here we reveal some of our favourite wedding-worthy scents.



Millie Macintosh – As complex and captivating as the woman who inspires it, Modern Muse's Chic is the perfect scent for fashionistas who define their own style. Comprising a bold contrast of vivid floral notes and sensory ebony woods – a must for the classic English rose.

Modern Muse Chic, Estée Lauder
50ml £54.50

Kim Kardashian – A daring, sensual scent, full of mystery and energy – YSL's Black Opium boasts an addictive mix of floral notes and adrenaline-fuelled black coffee – guaranteed to instantly seduce.

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Kate Moss – The ultimate in femininity, J'adore by Dior is the essence of sophistication and glamour. Created using a precious garden of ingredients and only the noblest of flowers, the end result is a unique, generous and harmonious floral bouquet. An iconic scent for an iconic lady.

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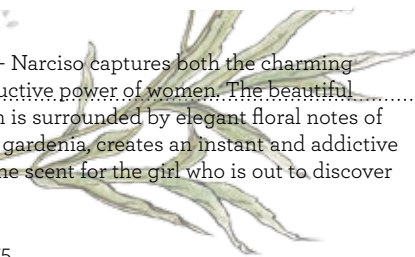
Jimmy Choo Blossom 50ml £40.25



All scents featured are available from Feelunique at Au Caprice

Poppy Delevingne - Narciso captures both the charming femininity and seductive power of women. The beautiful woody-musk, which is surrounded by elegant floral notes of Bulgarian rose and gardenia, creates an instant and addictive attraction. This is the scent for the girl who is out to discover the next big thing...

Narciso 50ml £50.75



Q A Quintessential approach



How to get started with your wedding stationery by Emma Hill

At Quints of Jersey we know it can be daunting thinking about all the content needed for your wedding stationery, let alone thinking about the style. Which is why we have put together some tips on how to get started:

STEP 1: The first step to creating wedding stationery is to know your date, location, timings, guest print numbers and who you would like the invitation to come from i.e. bride's parents, groom's parents, both parents, the bride and groom?

STEP 2: Consider what information you need to give guests i.e. menu options, travel info, gift info etc. The information you need to provide your guests will help determine the elements you will need for your invite set.

STEP 3: Have an idea of the type of wedding that you're aiming for i.e. classic and elegant, contemporary, country the list is endless. We know it can be overwhelming looking online for a style that best represents

your big day which is why we offer a complimentary 'Wedding Stationery Design Consultation' where you can discuss and create your own bespoke designs locally.

STEP 4: Aim to order your main invitations no later than four to five months before your big day. If you're having a destination wedding or getting married over the holidays, send out your invites even earlier. Our time frame for design and print is roughly four weeks and we offer three design proofs to make sure your stationery is print perfect.

STEP 5: Don't Forget the on-the-day stationery i.e. order of service, name placements, menu cards, table plan etc.

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Flowers can be the most important decorative part of your wedding. They affect the whole feel and look of your big day and it is therefore so important you get them right. However with so many varieties, types and colours out there to choose from it can feel like a huge job!

That is where the wonderful Lucie Chiron from Ooh La La Flowers - Designs by Lucie can step in. She has years of experience and a fantastic eye, so she can easily guide you through the wedding flower process from button holes to table centres and everything else in between; so that you get just the right look (and for your budget) to make your wedding look like the one you dream about! We met up with Lucie to find out about bouquet trends for 2015

1. "So many people are opting for chic simplicity this year, i've been creating lots of white bouquets, using contrasting flower textures to give that real wow-factor."
2. "Pretty, feminine country style is here, this is getting big, with blush roses highlighted with tiny accents of purple and pink garden looking flowers. Looks great for a beach wedding"
3. "Corals and oranges have been appearing more and more, and contrast well with vibrant foliage. They work really well against the backdrop of cream marquees!"
4. "One of the main trends for 2015 is bold statement flowers and a focus on more deep and bright shades."

The main thing is to work out what your favourites are and from that starting point we can create the perfect bespoke bouquet for you.

The Bride's Best Friend, Contact Lucie on 871187 for more information.



The flower doesn't dream of the bee, it blossoms and the bee comes

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Give your wedding guests a gift to remember from Hotel Chocolat, Liberty Wharf, Jersey

If you're looking for exclusive wedding favours, gorgeous wedding gifts or something to set your big day apart, you'll find Hotel Chocolat bursting with ideas to help make the day unforgettable. Whether it's a gift for the Mother of the Bride or just to say thank you, make it a Wedding gift to remember with something from their specially selected range – including celebratory Champagne Truffles, luxurious collections or create your own personal gift with the help from their team. They have different tasters out each week, so why not pop in store to see their amazing range & discuss with their team any ideas you have for your special day.



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Outfits by George



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Maison Bonvin is the ultimate French wine, beer, liquor and soft drinks showroom. The alcohols they sell are unique and therefore ideal to spice up a special day. To check their selection, why not book a pre-wedding tasting at Maison Bonvin and let them create your ideal drinks menu. If you are too busy sorting other matters email them at aurelien.buard@maisonbonvin.je and they will select the drinks and meet you at your convenience to show you the samples. You can also call them for an informal chat on 01534 481644.

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Pearl Poetry

Pearl Poetry is a gem of a shop boasting a wide range of contemporary and classic pearl jewellery.

A new trend this season, as seen on the catwalks, is the tribal earrings which owner Eve stocks in various sizes and pearl colour ways, as well as silver. Eve is a skilled jewellery maker whose creativity and attention to detail produces unique handmade pieces. So whatever your budget, Eve will be able to design and make that bespoke piece whether it's a hair accessory or stunning future heirloom.

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Earrings and headbands pictured from Pearl Poetry



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Flowerbox by Lucas Bros

Flowerbox by Lucas Bros is a well-established and experienced local florist company bringing your wedding dreams to life. Providing a design and styling service along with the supply of wedding flowers, props and decorations, they aim to make your Special Day truly unique. Flowerbox has an innovative, passionate and creative team of florists who will provide you with the best wedding flowers based on your own style, budget and tastes. Their designs range from vintage to retro, modern to rustic and they would be delighted to talk through your ideas and make your dreams come true. Why not pop into Flowerbox at Liberty Wharf Shopping Centre for a chat, or make an appointment on 01534 745193

For more information visit www.flowerbox.je

Eclectic

Eclectic's ethos is that there is something for everyone. It is a multigenerational boutique with edited collections to ensure that you won't be bumping into someone else wearing the same outfit. This season is a colourful celebration - from loungewear for lazy weekends to that stunning dress and accessories for that special occasion. Whatever your excuse, be sure to pop in to Eclectic where their eclectic mix and value for money mantra will take you from the ordinary to the extraordinary. Check out their website on www.eclecticladiesboutique.com Free deliveries and click and collect service available



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extreme Sparkle

Rivoli Jewellers knows that trends come and go in jewellery but diamonds have an enduring, timeless appeal...

That being said you only have to scan the pages of any number of magazines to see that currently the most popular engagement ring trends seen on celebrities and the public alike are those diamond rings with vintage details such as diamond accents. Modern vintage-design engagement rings are set in platinum or white gold, feature delicate claw set diamonds on the shoulders and have halos surrounding centre stone, Natalie Portman's engagement ring features this emerging style, but with two circles of pave diamonds around her diamond and a pave shank.

For women who love a classic look with minimalist elegance then look no further than the art deco inspired beauty given to Amal Alamuddin by her then fiancé, George Clooney. A large emerald cut diamond, set in platinum with tapered diamond baguettes for the side stones, according to People Magazine.

Rivoli Jewellers stocks a wide range of diamond engagement rings in various styles from solitaires through to three stone emerald or princess cut rings, as well as a collection of modern vintage inspired rings. Rivoli also offers a bespoke in store design service, so if you are looking for a piece inspired by rings owned by Amal, Natalie or Kim at a price more suited to you, call in to Rivoli and speak to the team, they will be more than happy to help.



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If you're looking for an impressive venue for a marquee reception then you are spoiled for choice with Hamptonne and its surrounding meadows, ancient La Hougue Bie in the shade of mature trees and Mont Orgueil with spectacular views across to the twinkling lights of France.

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The Seymour Group have created a unique package whereby a civil ceremony is held in the beautiful surroundings of the Greenhills Hotel followed by a larger evening celebration within the elegant surroundings of the centrally located Pomme d'Or Hotel. To discuss this package further please contact either one of the teams at the Greenhills or Pomme d'Or Hotel who will be happy to discuss your requirements.





ANDY LE GRESLEY PHOTOGRAPHY

Andy Le Gresley produces unique and memorable wedding images for his clients. We find out more about his style:

I've been photographing weddings for the past eight years in a photojournalistic style, which has developed from my passion for the study of natural light. I love to document people and landscapes, they are two very different subjects but when the two come together at a wedding I'm able to capture beautiful scenes which encapsulate the perfect wedding picture, especially when the natural light is on my side! Of course the photo above of the couple under the rainbow is a perfect example of what I'm talking about, a moment in time that is simply magical! It is such a privilege to show my clients images such as these - I feel humbled to know that they will treasure them for the rest of their life.

So, who are your type of wedding clients?

Couples who are looking for a natural, unobtrusive style of photography. I like to get to know my clients well before their wedding to hear about their wedding plans and start to build a relationship. I think this is an important part of understanding and delivering exactly what the clients want and more. My clients are looking for a story-telling set of images so every time they open their album, it takes them back to the emotion and excitement of their special day.

Do you direct the proceedings in any way on the wedding day?

I don't lead the day at all. I stay close to the action but in a discreet and respectful way, photographing the day as it happens without intervening or directing. I do take a few family group shots if my clients require it,

but otherwise I blend in with their guests and quietly go about my way to capture the real images. The portraits that I capture of the couple are also shot in an uncontrived, creative style so that my clients don't feel uneasy in front of the camera.

What are you striving to achieve most when photographing someone's wedding?

I aim to create images which capture the true joy, excitement and atmosphere of the day. I want the viewer of the images to be drawn in by them, to feel the emotion of the moment captured, so much so that they feel as if they could have been there, even if they weren't.

If you're interested in making a booking or would like to see more of my work, please visit www.andylegresley.com





Your wedding time line checklist

12 months+ before your wedding

- Plan your engagement party.
- Discuss your budget with your parents or look up tips on saving for a wedding.
- Think about themes and colours for your wedding.
- Start your guest list.
- Choose wedding rings.
- Meet with and book your wedding officiant or clergyman.
- Select a date and reserve your ceremony and reception site.
- Check availability of places to stay for guests.
- Hire a wedding consultant if you're using one.
- Choose bridesmaids, groomsmen and ushers.
- Meet photographers, florists, caterers and entertainment.

10 months to go

- Order your wedding dress and accessories.
- Get a Pinterest account and search for lots of inspiration.
- Plan your honeymoon (book any jabs you need and check passport dates!)
- Arrange wedding transport.
- If you're planning on making anything start doing it now.
- Order your invitations and plan your order of service.
- Buy bridesmaid dresses.
- Book wedding night.
- Arrange venue decor.

6 months to go

- Organise a hen party / stag do.
- Finalise all details with your photographers, florists, caterers and entertainment.
- Send out your invites.
- Purchase any presents for your parents and attendees.
- Select groom's tuxedo and hire or buy attire for groomsmen.
- Write your vows.
- Order wedding favours for your guests.
- Choose outfits for Mother of the Bride and Mother of the Groom.
- Check marriage licence requirements.
- Start thinking about your favourite music for the party.
- Purchase wedding lingerie.

1 month to go

- Plan a surprise, present or note for your partner for when they are getting ready without you on the morning of your wedding.
- Meet with your hairdresser and make up artist for consultation.
- Book manicure, pedicure and spa treatment to relax.
- Break in your shoes.
- Buy a guest book.

1 week to go

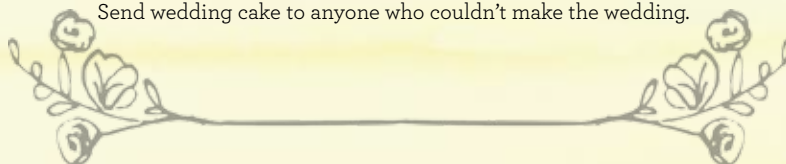
- Give final guest count to reception venue and caterer.
- Start packing for your honeymoon.
- Make sure everything fits!
- Send you wedding announcement to the JEP.
- Write any cheques required for the wedding day.
- Arrange for wedding gifts to be transported to your home.

1 day to go

- As Frankie says... RELAX.
- Have fun with your friends and family who have come over early.
- Start getting snap happy.
- Ensure your overnight bag is packed and delivered to your hotel.
- Speak to your attendants - check everyone knows what they need to do and when.

After the wedding

- Make a gift list and send out your thank you notes.
- Make sure everything is sorted out for your name change.
- Send wedding cake to anyone who couldn't make the wedding.



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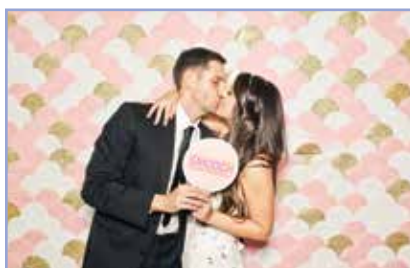


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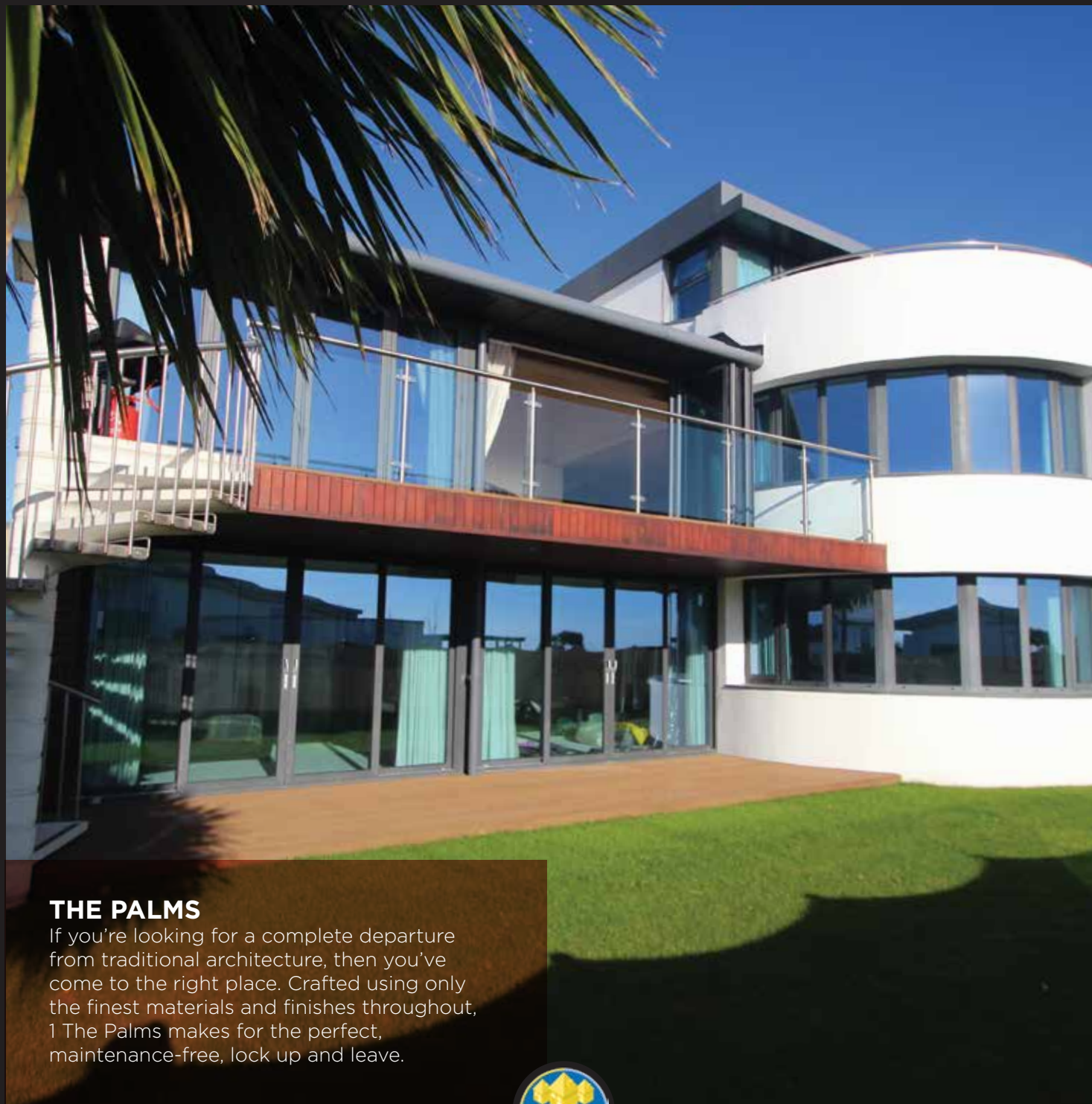


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THE PALMS

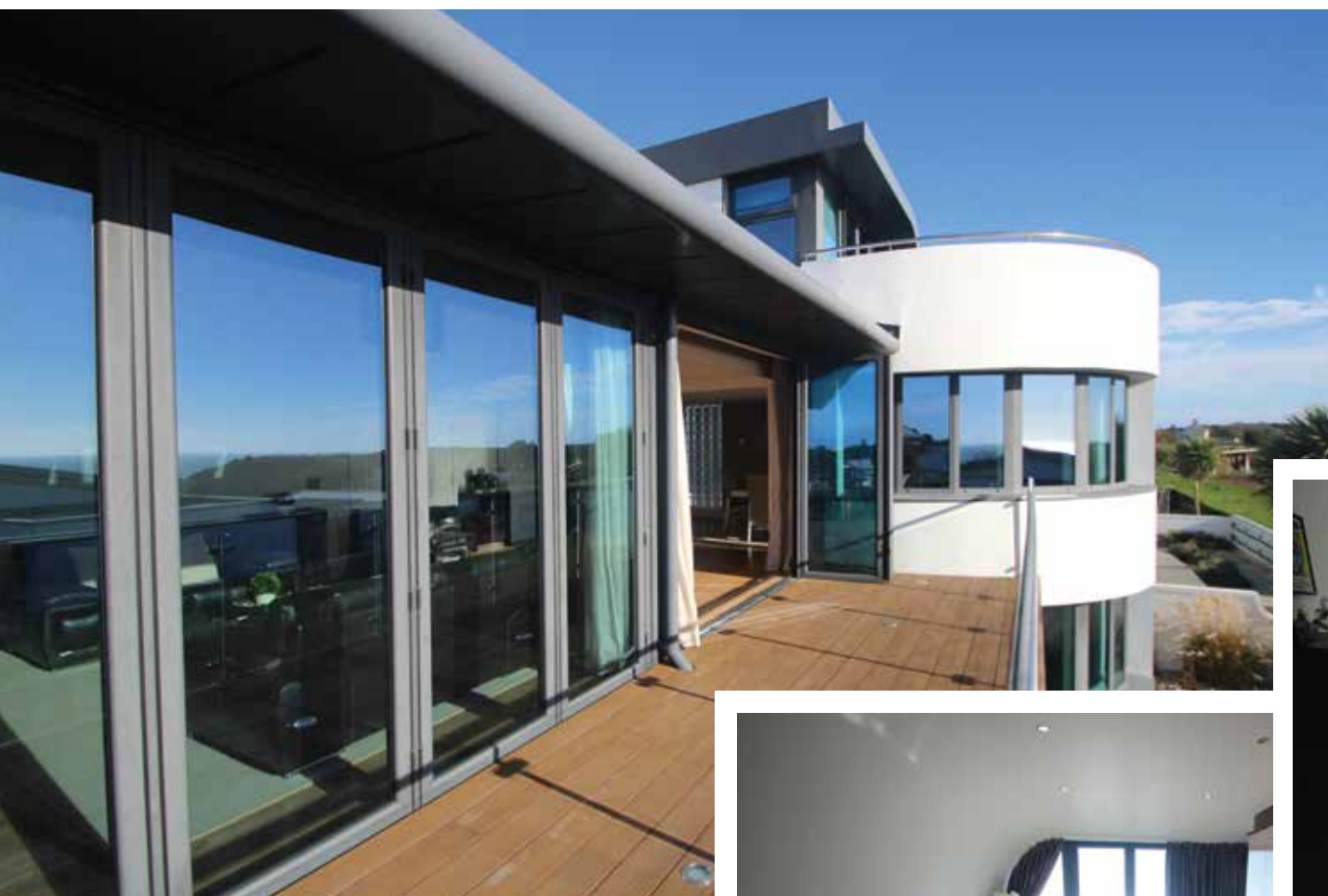
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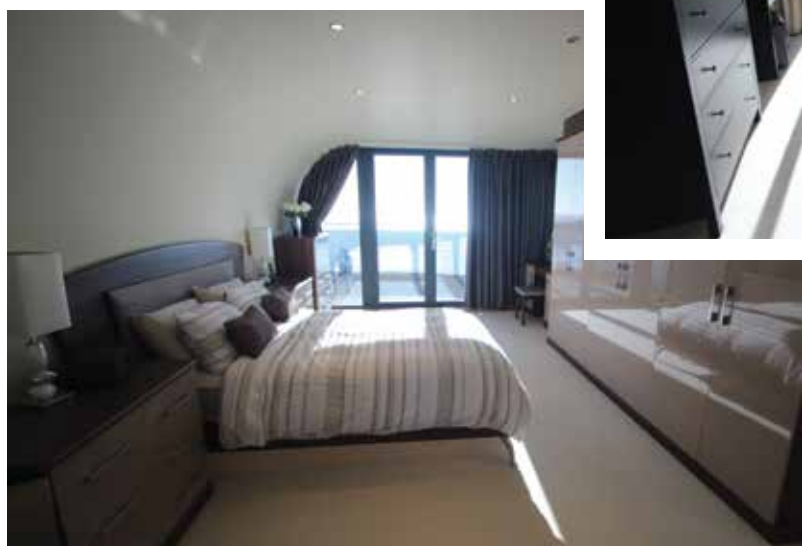
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With its clean lines, neutral colours, dynamic decking and adaptable interior – designed to capture the light and create a feeling of open space – this luxurious, detached property is the epitome of contemporary living.

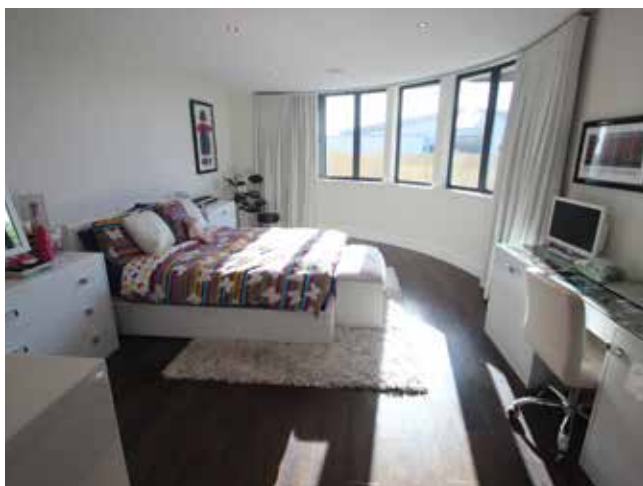
Positioned proudly above the picturesque bay, 1 The Palms takes full advantage of Portelet's ever-changing panorama, boasting outlook potential from almost every room in the household. Yet despite a series of floor to ceiling windows, which welcome light and ocean breezes inside, it's here you'll be able to enjoy complete privacy.

Inside you'll find minimalist decorative elements, and an extensive use of modern, natural and 'industrial' mixed materials, including glass block wall installations, wallpaper in the style of driftwood and sand textured surfaces – the end result – a beautiful, natural style – and a nod to the property's picture-perfect coastal theme.

Originally constructed in 2008 – using floor to ceiling glass, to take full advantage of the outstanding neighbouring views – 1 The Palms is an ideal investment for budding buyers looking for a contemporary, state-of-the-art home that has been neutrally styled. White-washed walls, snowy carpets

and wooden flooring make for the perfect blank canvas for individuals dreaming of fashioning a property into their very own modern masterpiece.

With an impressive 3,869 sq. ft of space to play with, the latest in tech-savvy fixtures, including an enviable computer linked SONOS music system (which can be remotely controlled throughout the house) in-built flat screen TVs (in both the kitchen and master ensuite), a series of glossy finishes and high-impact details, this is a must-see for buyers looking to enjoy the ultimate in high spec, modern-day living.



1 The Palms

La Route de Noirmont

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“White-washed walls, snowy carpets and wooden flooring make for the perfect blank canvas for individuals dreaming of fashioning a property into their very own modern masterpiece.”

The top floor – possibly the star of the show – is home to the master bed comprising a spacious bedroom and luxurious spa-worthy en-suite, complete with soothing colour palettes and sleek, high-end fixtures – more suited to a indulgent beach retreat. Furthermore, you’ll find an extensive dressing area with oodles of space for clothes, shoes and accessories and a private balcony – your very own viewing platform to the world outside.

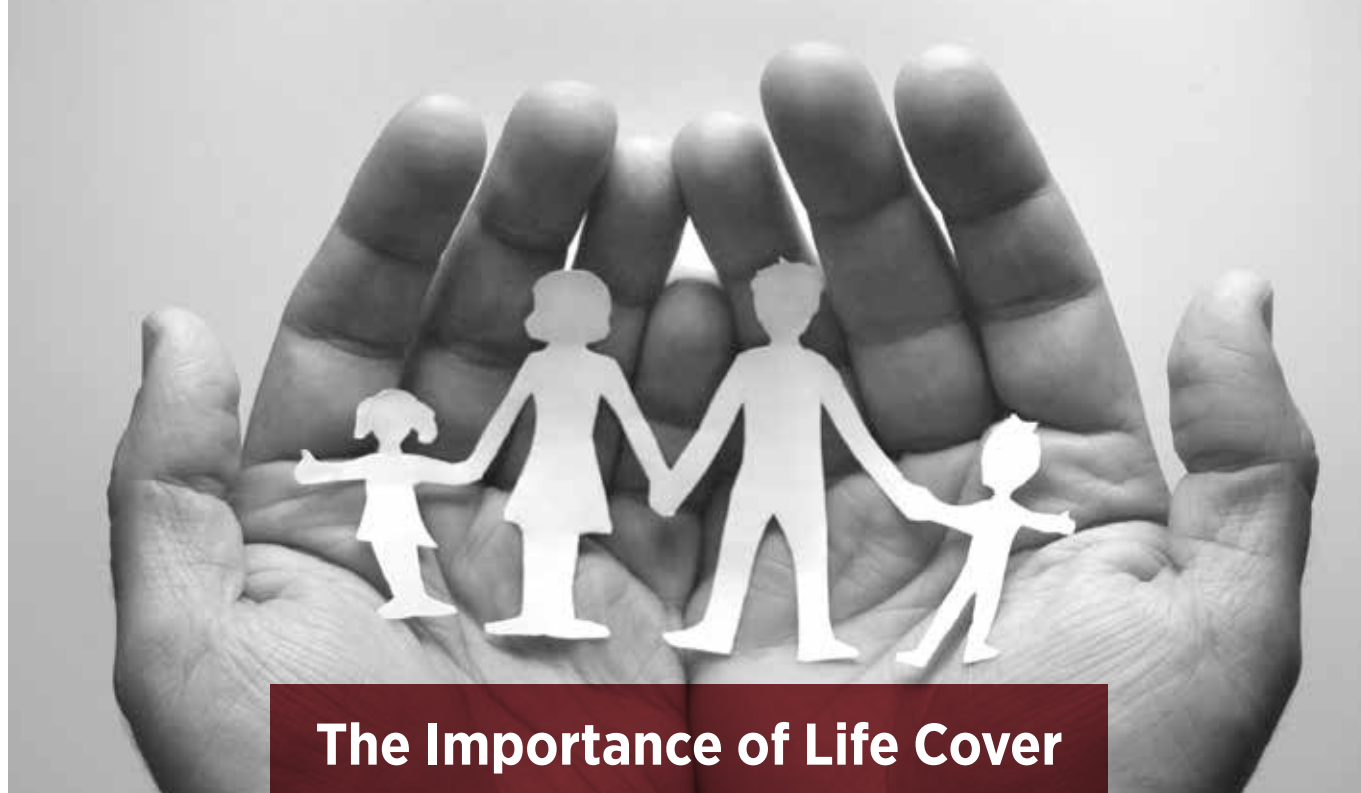
Downstairs, on the ground floor, sit three double bedrooms, one of which is en-suite. The remaining two have the luxury of direct access into the garden – an expanse of lush green lawn, brimming with pebbled areas and palms.

The main living areas, located on the first floor, comprise a separate study, which could easily be fashioned into a further bedroom if required, a tech-savvy kitchen and diner, and a large, open plan,

sun-drenched living room brandishing concertina doors, a state-of-the-art remote control fire and wooden flooring throughout. Neutral colours create a relaxed vibe, whilst the backdrop of blue sky adds a subtle splash of colour. This exceptional space is not only extremely versatile – in that you transform the entire room into separate living quarters or open it up to create an enviable entertainment space – it also benefits from a 40 ft balcony; making it the perfect spot for a little alfresco dining come the summer months.

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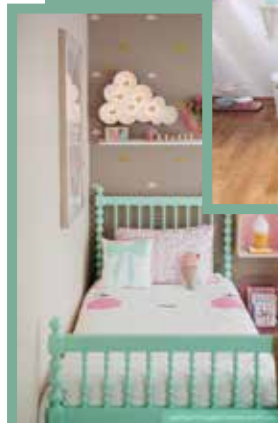


That's mint

With spring just around the corner why not brighten up your home by adding touches of the colour-of-the-moment mint? This lovely faded shade of turquoise adds a pretty splash of colour that's not over powering but perfectly pretty.

You could give an old bed a new lease of life with a splash of mint paint, opt for a mint title in your bathroom, buy a cool vintage chair or go the whole hog and purchase one of those super cool Smeg fridges in this lovely pastel shade!

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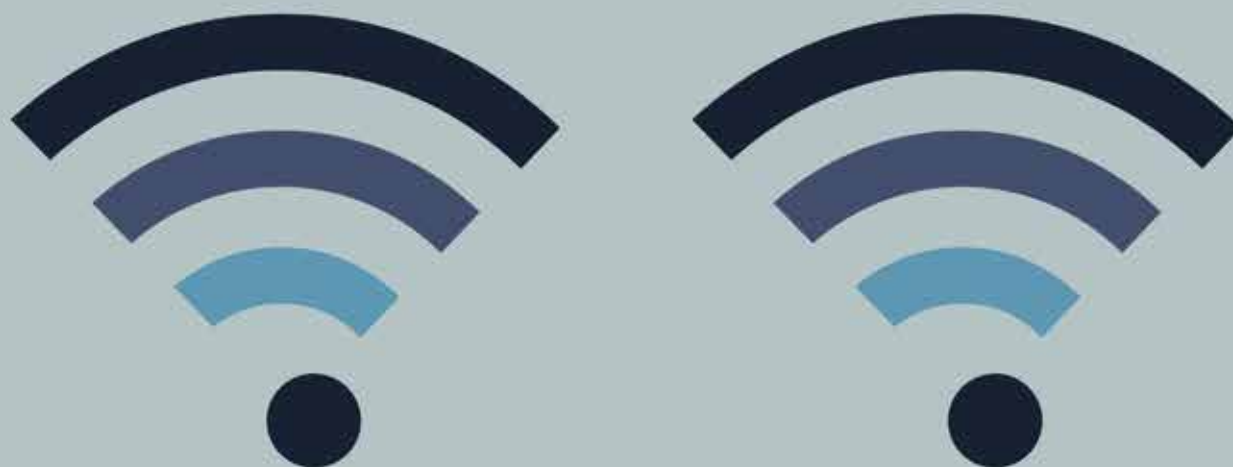
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Plus all of the movers, shakers and business news brought to you in Gallery every month...

Welcome



Welcome to the first anniversary edition of Agenda, bringing you up to date with the latest news and views from the local business community, but with a special focus on the legal profession and the part they play in the life of the island.

There is much to be said for Jersey's history of financial stability and security but for it to maintain its standing internationally and to retain a competitive edge in a dynamic and ever-changing world, it needs to have a sound political environment, an effective regulatory structure and a robust yet flexible legal infrastructure that, collectively, gives confidence to investors, residents and the international community, is conducive to business and operates in line with international standards and expectations.

While it is clear that Jersey enjoys a political, regulatory and legal landscape that enables it to maintain its status in the premier division of international finance centres, it is important to recognise the role that key stakeholders have in achieving and maintaining this positioning.

Arguably one of the major contributors in this respect is the part played by Jersey's legal profession. While it is a profession that is steeped in tradition and heritage, it has evolved and adapted to Jersey's needs and aspirations, acting and reacting to market trends and opportunities and has been instrumental in helping Jersey to attract business both locally and internationally, providing effective and flexible support for new streams of business activity and revenue for the Island. With legal expertise spanning the whole spectrum of banking, corporate finance, trust, funds, property, personal and offshore law, lawyers in Jersey play a

critical role in establishing and maintaining Jersey's position as a jurisdiction of trust and integrity that is fit for the business world of the 21st Century.

The legal profession in Jersey is immensely proud of its contribution to the Island: for its service to the personal and business community in representing their interests and in upholding the rule of law as well as in its provision of Legal Aid and the revenue it generates for the local economy, much of it derived internationally. Equally valuable is its role in supporting and sustaining existing business streams while securing new business opportunities for the Island, underpinned by legislation that members of the profession have been instrumental in creating and updating, ensuring that the confidence of investors is maximised, while ensuring that international standards are met at all times.

I hope you enjoy reading this supplement and that you find the contributions both of interest and value and that, if nothing else, they improve your understanding of the part that the legal profession plays in making Jersey a great place to do business.

Neville

Neville Benbow
Chief Executive Officer
The Law Society of Jersey

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Jersey's Junior Lawyer of the Year:

Simon Hurry

In this month's Agenda, we decided to conduct a high-flyer profile on Simon Hurry, Jersey's latest Junior Lawyer of the Year and Senior Associate at Collas Crill. Here we discover a little about his career path, work ethos and what he gets up to when he's not resolving high value trust and commercial disputes.



Simon has recently been promoted to Senior Associate in Collas Crill's Dispute Resolution department. His role involves undertaking a wide range of litigation work for both commercial and private clients.

Describe a typical day in the office?

A typical day for Simon involves arriving at the office bright and early at around 8.30am. He begins his day working through a structured list (usually created the night before) however, no day is ever the same and it's a given there will be a number of spontaneous enquiries to deal with too!

'I had to learn to prioritise my work early on, the plan can change very quickly!'

Did you always dream of being a lawyer?

'No is the short answer. I'm still not sure how I've ended up where I am! I initially chose to study law because of the many transferrable skills it offers and enrolling as a student in London also allowed me to play as much hockey as humanly possible! It wasn't until I began working for a firm that I knew I'd made the right choice.'

Describe a particular moment or achievement that stands out in your career?

'Winning the Young Lawyer of the Year Award has to be my biggest achievement to date. I was surprised to be put forward for it and equally surprised to win. It's nice to know all of the hard work has been acknowledged. I couldn't have done it without the help of my long-suffering mentor 'Danny le Maistre. He was the one who put me forward for the award and also the individual I owe many of my professional accomplishments to'

This is the second year the award, which is open to Jersey advocates and solicitors, has taken place. The award recognises the contribution of young Island lawyers to the legal profession in Jersey – considering Simon was only called as a Jersey Advocate in March of last year, this is a massive achievement.

What do you enjoy about your job?

Law for Simon is about justice.

'I have always been motivated by the prospect of securing a positive result for clients and ultimately making a difference. People instruct you for your skill and experience and the burden is on you to prove that they made the right decision.'

What do you do in your spare time?

'I'm an avid gym goer and train religiously with Ben Murray at BB Fitness at least a few times every week.'

Simon was a competitor at our very own White Collar Boxing event, which was spectated by an abundance of black tie diners and raised phenomenal amounts for local charities.

'I also play hockey at the weekends and make the most of my free time when I have it – in this industry, it's not uncommon to pull a 39 hour shift every once in a while!' (Simon's longest stint in the office yet)

Is there a phrase you live your life by?

'Work hard, play hard – a good motto to live by, especially in this line of work.'

Tell us something about you that no one else knows

'There's a reason no one knows these things!'

What's your favourite holiday destination?

'Barbados. It feels a little like home because of the British culture, but with the added benefit of incredible weather and scenery! With its crystal clear waters, surf breaks, palm trees and alfresco dining, it's an extremely special place and one I'd recommend to anyone. 'The Cliff' on the west coast is without question the best restaurant I have ever been to.'

And your favourite city?

'New York without fail, I love the energy and the people are nowhere as agro as they're made out to be! It's an exciting but organised city. Everything works.'

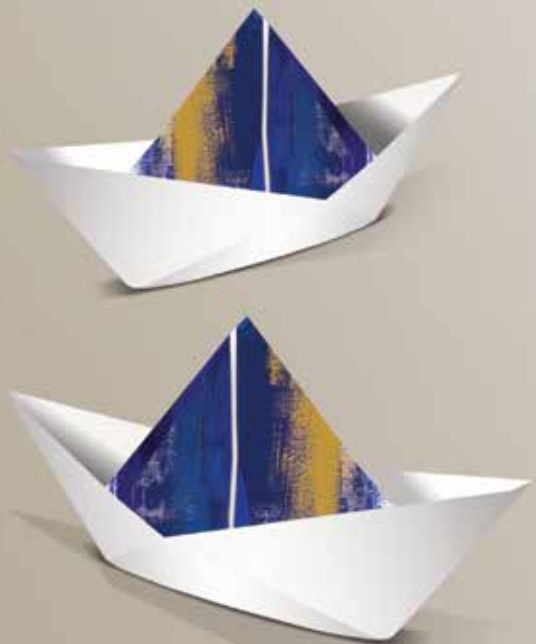
Any advice to those considering a similar career?

'It's an extremely competitive industry and solid grades are a given. My advice would be to get as much practical experience as you can. Work experience and bursary schemes are invaluable when it comes to applying for the roles you want, as is always striving to go the extra mile.'

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Qualifying to become a lawyer in Jersey and by 'qualify' we mean become an Advocate or solicitor of the Royal Court of Jersey, isn't a straightforward process.

Once you've finished your university education you then have a further seven exams you'll need to take locally, which you are expected to study for alongside work. The exams can be done in one year or spread over up to three years.

Françoise Binet and Giles Emmanuel of the law firm Benest and Syvret know this process only too well. Here they give us an insight in to their work as Advocates of the Royal Court of Jersey and their lives outside of Court.

Giles, what area of law do you specialise in?

Although I am a general practitioner, my primary area of law is civil litigation and dispute resolution, ranging from corporate and trust matters to disputes over employment, tenancy, testate and intestate succession and debts. I also specialise in company and business acquisitions and sales and land law. In addition, I have spent many years advising on criminal law.

What are the main challenges in your job?

Having an office next to Advocate Binet – she can be very loud on the phone! On a more serious note, it has to be the present financial market. Benest & Syvret continues its historic tradition of providing advice and representation at the highest standard whilst maintaining a competitive fee structure.

What's the best thing about qualifying as an Advocate?

Appearing in Court. I won't deny that hard work is required to prepare for a hearing but it is both an honour and a humbling experience to stand in front of the Judges and Jurats of this Island. I am yet to appear in front of a Jury but I'm looking forward to doing so.

Just how "Jersey" are you?

Well, I was born in Jersey to a local agricultural family who lived at Hamptonne Farm. I attended St Lawrence School before moving to De La Salle. Save for going to University in Southampton, I've lived here my whole life.

I have represented my school, parish and the Island at a variety of sports and I'm incredibly proud to be a Jerseyman.

Where is your favourite place in the island and why?

Out west. Plémont Bay on a hot day when the tide is low and St Ouen's Bay all year round. I can think of no better way to spend a day than to relax on the beach and in the waves, followed by a BBQ under one of those incredible sunsets.

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Françoise, what area of law do you specialise in?

I am a family lawyer, dealing with all aspects of divorce, matrimonial finance and children issues.

What are the main challenges in your job?

Understandably, clients who are coping with relationship breakdown are often very emotionally charged.

I would say that one of the toughest parts of my job is keeping clients focussed on what is important. All too often clients have a desire to pursue a line of enquiry which will have no bearing on the final outcome of a case but which will inevitably ratchet up the costs in the meantime.

Managing expectations is another challenge. Clients often have the idea that "bad behaviour" in a relationship can somehow be punished in financial terms. In reality, there are extremely limited circumstances where this is possible.

What's the best thing about qualifying as an Advocate?

That's an easy answer – no more studying! Oh, and having qualified a year before Giles which means I'm his senior! Joking aside, there is something very rewarding about having persuaded a Court to order the outcome you were looking for.

Just how "Jersey" are you?

I have two Jersey parents and had three Jersey grandparents. I just fall short of having stamp in my passport (like my dad) to say that I am not permitted to work in the EU! One of the things I like about working in a small, well-established firm is that we still have a very loyal Jersey client base.

Where is your favourite place in the island?

Anyone who knows me knows that I am very happy in my beloved parish of St Martin. A beautiful sunrise over Gorey has to be the best start to any day.

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Movin' on Up



Voisin Law are celebrating two recent promotions within the firm, Jeffrey Giovannoni has been made Partner and Katherine Guillemot has become Manager of the Probate department.

Katherine Guillemot, Manager Probate
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Why did you choose a career in Probate?

I thrive in a role that is varied and every day brings new challenges. Whether I am drafting Wills, administering estates, tracing lost family members, or dealing with matters before the Court, no two days are the same.

At what age do you need to get a Will?

To make a Will you must be at least 18 and of sound mind. However, an exception is a married minor, who is considered able to make a valid Will.

The making and updating of your Will is usually marked by life changes such as getting married, divorced, having children, buying property or inheritance.

Describe an interesting case you have been involved with?

We had an interesting case recently involving a handwritten Will (Holograph Will). The gentleman who had passed away had made a Will with his lawyer years ago. His family then came across a handwritten Will after his death and within it he had cancelled all previous Wills. Eventually, the handwritten Will was considered void on the basis it was uncertain and his estate was dealt with as if he'd died without a Will - the rules of intestacy, as set out in Jersey Law, were applied. This case highlights the dangers of homemade Wills.

Do you deal with Curatorships?

Yes we do. Curatorships deal with the management of an individual's financial affairs when, in the opinion of the Court, they become unable to do so. We look after a number of curatorships for individuals in the Island. People often worry about what will happen to them if they fall ill with conditions which will affect their ability to look after their affairs. Even when an individual lacks the mental capacity to look after themselves, a UK Lasting Power of Attorney will continue to be valid.

What is the most common misconception in Probate?

That a Will is expensive. A basic Will costs only £200.

Jeffrey Giovannoni, Partner
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What area of law do you specialise in?

I mostly undertake corporate, trust and commercial law. As an Advocate, I appear in court on civil and occasionally criminal matters. I am also a Notary Public.

What are the duties of a Notary Public?

Technically, to make and record agreements between parties. In practice, this involves witnessing signatures to documents. I ensure that the person understands what they are signing and that the document achieves its purpose. Notarisation is most frequently required in international transactions where a foreign party wishes to ensure that the Jersey party has validly signed, and is bound by, a document. The process provides comfort in a way that cannot be achieved when witnessing a signature in any other capacity (including as an Advocate or Solicitor).

What has been your most interesting project?

I'm currently involved with two interesting and challenging projects, a \$5billion financial restructuring for a credit card company and a \$500million joint venture in the USA, for which I am the lead Jersey adviser. I've advised on the sale and purchase of assets in Russia, Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. A couple of years ago, I advised on a major refinance project for the London Olympics.

Does becoming a partner bring fresh challenges?

Yes it does, and I'm also travelling a lot more, but I really welcome being involved in the firm's decision-making process and future strategy focus. It's good to see things from that perspective and to continue advising my clients.

What is the most common legal misconception?

That lawyers do not use clear language and that we'll bite the hand that feeds us! My clients often call to discuss problems which may, or may not, lead to an instruction. We try hard to strike the right balance at Voisin and I think our clients appreciate that. We also offer free seminars to our clients and prospective clients on whichever topic they choose.

Relative Values



Claire Davies and Lee Ingram are the partners behind law firm Davies and Ingram. Having initially trained in the field of business and employment law Claire maintains her interest in civil and insurance litigation. Whilst Lee's specialist practice area is Insurance Law, which encompasses various different subject areas from professional and medical negligence to personal injury litigation. Founded in December 2012, their law firm is committed to providing the optimum service to private and corporate clients in Jersey.

Lee Ingram

My Yonex RD-7 tennis rackets. Given their age they are sense of amusement for most of my fellow tennis players.

Favourite possession

Discovery Bay, Hong Kong. The beach has the most amazing sunsets.

Favourite place

As a lifelong Liverpool fan, it has to be red.

Favourite colour

I have a few, however it would have to be the Ring-tailed Lemur. I was fortunate enough to have observed them in their enclosure at the zoo when I was studying for my biology 'A' Level.

Favourite animal

Freshly baked bread. Undoubtedly one of my dietary vices!

Favourite smell

With my son, Tom. He is such a wonderful distraction from the stress of the office.

Favourite way to spend a weekend

Another one of my vices - Diavolo Pizza

Favourite food

Pistachio

Favourite ice cream flavour

Either playing or watching tennis.

Favourite pastime

The Italian Job. Probably not everyone's cup of tea, but for me, the script; the cast; the inventive character names and the cliff-hanging ending make this a classic.

Favourite film

I have never been one to read books (aside from law texts, of course) however at school I was introduced to The Hobbit.

Favourite book

It has to be "You'll never walk alone", when it's sung by the Anfield crowd at the start of a home game.

Favourite song

Not too sure that this is possible, I couldn't single out any one person.

Favourite person

Stefan Edberg was an inspiration to me as a young tennis player. He was always a gentleman on and off court and had the utmost respect from his peers.

Favourite celebrity

The most recent gadget. It doesn't matter what it is, I just have to have the most up to date one!

Favourite things to splurge on

Claire Davies

My iPad. I would be lost without it.

Quebec in Summer or London in Winter

Blue. Everton fan!

Cats. Very boring choice I'm afraid.

Roses. Most relaxing smell in the world.

Eating, smiling, reading and feeling loved

Anything Italian. Preferably eaten in Italy.

Ice cream is mood dependant, but I'll hedge my bets and say Neopolitan.

Laughing. I love to laugh.

Star Wars (a child of the 70's I'm afraid)

To Kill a Mockingbird. One of the reasons I turned to the law.

This is a difficult one: probably one of the rude songs traditionally sung at Liverpool fans.

The Judge, naturally!

Dame Judi Dench, lovely lady.

Travel. We make the very most of our time away from the office.

Jargon Buster

For many people a brush with the law can not only be emotional but it can also present them with terminology and phrases often used by lawyers that can leave people bewildered. Stephen Wauchope, Advocate at Hatstone Lawyers has put together an A-Z guide of some terms that for lawyers, like him, are second nature but are more than likely unfamiliar to most.



A

Ademption

The failure of a gift in a Will because the property gifted does not exist or is no longer owned at the date of death.

B

Bound Over

A sentencing option. If you've been bad, but not very bad, you might be bound over to be of good behaviour. If you don't keep your word, you will be re-sentenced for the original offence.

C

Customary Law

Jersey's customary law dates to the 13th century. It binds us because it is what we understand the law to be. If the States have not passed a law on an issue, the Court and your Advocates may spend hours researching customary law. The irony is occasionally lost on the participants.

D

Damages

Damages are awarded (not won, whatever the Daily Mail might suggest) when you succeed in an action in Court. How damages are calculated will depend on the type of action. E.g. contract or personal injury.

E

Empêchement

A disability that might interfere with your ability to act in your own best interests, promptly, such as being underage, or not knowing you've been wronged.

F

Fiduciary

A special relationship between people, often a trustee and a beneficiary, but involving many types of relationship where people are required to act in the best interests of the other person, even to their own detriment.

G

Garnishee

A Court order requiring a third party to make periodic payments to the Court, generally made against the debtor's wages.

H

Hearsay

Evidence not obtained directly from a witness. If I see a person assaulted, I am a witness. If I am only told what about what happened, my evidence is hearsay.

I

Indemnity

An agreement or sometimes a Court order to pay all of the costs associated with a dispute.

J

Judgment Debt

The end result of litigation. A judgment debt can be enforced against property. In rare cases, you can still be imprisoned for refusing to pay a judgment debt.

K

KYC

"Know Your Customer". Before doing any work for you, your lawyer will need information about you and your problem. Be prepared with photographic I.D. and a recent utility bill at least!

L

Legal Aid

Did you know that Jersey qualified lawyers are required to assist people of limited means for free or for reduced fees for 15 years after they qualify? Enquire about Legal Aid.

M

Mediation

A process where an independent person tries to help resolve a dispute, or at least some of the issues in it. Whether compulsory or voluntary, it is usually a good idea.

N

Novation

The shifting, generally, of obligations under a contract from one party to another that was not party to the original agreement.

O

Order of Justice

A common way for Court proceedings to commence by way of being first heard in Court on a Friday afternoon.

P

Prescription

A defence to an action on the basis that it was commenced too long after the event. If you have a legal dispute, take advice early.

Q

Quorum

The minimum number of people necessary to cast votes and make a decision.

R

Remise de biens

An application to the Royal Court for additional time to sell a house or land to pay creditors and avoid a "fire sale" property.

S

Sine Die

An open ended adjournment of legal proceedings, often sought by the parties to it to engage in negotiations.

T

Taxation

If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in litigation, you might experience taxation. This occurs when the Court has to decide the amount of legal costs that one party must pay to another.

U

Uberrimae fidei

A duty of utmost good faith between an insurer and the insured. Be careful, you have an obligation to tell your insurer about anything that might affect their risk, even after you have taken out the policy.

V

Voisinage

An obligation between neighbours of adjoining properties that tries to reconcile an owner or tenant's rights to do what they wish with the rights of their neighbour.

W

Waiver

To give up a right in legal proceedings, either deliberately or accidentally.

X

Ex-tempore judgment

A judgment in legal proceedings that is delivered as soon as the proceedings end, with a written judgment to follow.

Y

Youth

The law applies equally to all adults, but for young people, certain allowances can be made. Criminal responsibility commences at 10 years.

Z

Zero-hour contracts

A contract of employment where the employee is not required to work any hours for the employer. They have their place, but can often be abused. If you are not sure if you are a zero-hours employee, take advice.



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Tobi Mathews

Tobi Mathews owner and director of Lateral 4T Limited a legal consultant "Providing innovative structured solutions to the ownership, management and operation of complicated assets."

Part of Tobi's consultancy work involves the acquisition, operation and oversight of corporate aircraft for clients this means that he often has to travel around Europe and the USA meeting with clients and aircraft engineering companies. "Often clients will have decided that they want a particular aircraft or superyacht and pay a deposit before they have given any thought to how they will deal with the acquisition, VAT consequences, registration, management and operation, so I often find myself having to drop everything and go and meet with the client or their advisers to map out the

transaction." This often leads to Tobi having to travel at the last minute and so a grab bag and carry on are always to hand.

Tobi assisted with the recent launch of Structura Limited by Nathan Paterson and Nathan Robson and acts as a consultant and non-executive director "I have worked with Nathan and Nathan for quite some time in connection with clients who wish to finance high value assets such as commercial real estate, aircraft or yachts. They have a sensible, pragmatic approach to the securing of finance and I am delighted to be working with them on their new venture."

Items on display:

Mac Book Air 15": the primary tool for my business, essential as I often have to draft agreements on the move and nothing else will do the job. In the modern business environment clients look for a prompt response and I have to be able to give clients the service they demand.

iPad Air 2: an excellent additional tool when travelling to keep an eye on emails and to store books for the long haul flights.

iPhone 5: indispensable and in my view the best smart phone on the market.

TP-Link M5 3G mobile Wi-Fi dongle: this is brilliant, establishes your own secure Wi-Fi hotspot – I buy a pay-as-you go sim card in each country to which I travel (with pin number disabled) and can connect to the internet wirelessly when not near a suitable WiFi environment.

Canon G10: I carry my faithful camera with me everywhere, pictures on the iPhone 5 are good but there is something special about pictures taken on a camera. Clients like to see their "new" aircraft as transactions are progressing and a good camera photo just looks better than a shaky iPhone "snap"

Bose Head-Phones: I really like these, they cancel out the drone from aircraft engines and I feel far fresher after a flight having worn these, rather than airline headphones.

Adaptors: I carry multiple adapters for most European countries, but always also carry the Apple continental adapter – such a simple idea.

Notebook: even with all the technology the notebook and pen still create a feeling of intimacy for client meetings, taking notes on a lap-top or the iPad can create a barrier between me and the client.

Business cards: like most things in my case, these come everywhere with me.

Cultural Differences

WORDS Joe Bulch

Laws are designed to protect the people and are for the people, preventing crime from sweeping our streets and keeping us safe in our homes. They're here to keep us stay healthy, educated and hopefully, wealthy. But some laws are worth questioning – why is abortion banned? Why is the age to leave school set at 16? Why aren't I allowed to import these potatoes into England just because I suspect them to be Polish? These are just some of the laws that are worth questioning:

Canada's Nationalist Radio

In an attempt to preserve the musical talents of their country, the Canadian government introduced the 'MAPL System' – pun intended - in 1971, which states that 40% of music broadcasted on almost all radio stations must be Canadian. The 'MAPL' acronym stands for the Canadian government's definitions of 'Canadian music': M for Music (who composed it), A for Artist (who performed it), P for Performance (where it's recorded) and L for Lyrics (who wrote them) – at least two of these must be Canadian for a song to be considered 'Canadian music' by the Canadian government.

England's Xenophobic Potatoes

Many laws were introduced under Tony Blair's labour government, but none of them are more odd than the Polish Potatoes (Notification) Order of 2004, which makes it an offense for any person to import potatoes that they believe, or have suspicion, to be from Poland. This was done in the government's attempt to prevent ring rot from being introduced to the UK.



Greece's Banning of Video Games

Video games have been banned in countries before for violence or graphic content which could harm the children who play them, but an ambiguous bill flat-out bans the playing of video games in public placements in Greece. The law, known as Law 3037/2002, came about in 2002 after a member of the at-time ruling government was filmed in an illegal gambling establishment. Sensationalist journalism fuelled mass hysteria in the country, which led to a bill being rushed through. The bill's ambiguous wording meant that video games in internet cafés

(remember those?) were made illegal. The law was brought under fire in the EU, which led to another bill being passed appealing some parts of the controversial law, but the law still bans games in internet cafés, which is okay since it's 2015 now.



Singapore's Gum Hatred

If school classrooms and Singapore in general have one thing in common, it's that you have to smuggle gum in both. Under the 'Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations', chewing gum is banned unless it has been prescribed for medicinal reasons. The law was passed after Lee Kuan Yew wrote about the proposal of the ban while he was ruling as Prime Minister after complaints of maintenance problems caused by gum in his memoirs. In 1992, newly ruling Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong, introduced the ban.

Britain's Anger at Planks of Wood

It's 1838 in England, there's a mass inequality in pay for women and the inability to vote, child labour is the norm and education is for the very rich and Parliament has made it illegal to carry planks of wood on the pavement. The Metropolitan Police Act of 1838 (which is still in rule, technically) made it an offence to carry planks of wood or any obstructions on the pavement. Other outlandish offences under this act include flying kites 'to annoy inhabitants', using 'noisy instruments' to gather attention and sliding on snow or ice.

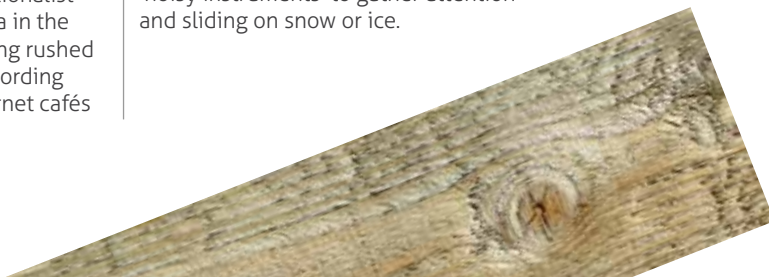


British Taxi Drivers' Germophobia

Have you ever taken a taxi with a nasty cold? Did you forget to tell the driver? If so, you're a no good criminal – at least according to the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act of 1984, which says that if you have a 'notifiable disease', it's compulsory to inform your taxi driver about it. Once they've been notified about your 'disease', they must tell their local authority after your ride and have the cab disinfected before the next passenger comes on. This doesn't count for buses, in fact, the act states you're not allowed to take a bus at all with your 'disease' – so next time the guy behind you on the number 15 won't stop sneezing on your neck, you have good reason to call the police.

France's Posthumous Marriages

An act passed near the end of 1959 allows people in France to marry the deceased. Article 171 of the French Civil Code states that marrying a deceased person is allowed 'after the completion of the official formalities indicating unequivocally his or her consent', essentially meaning that your marriage can happen, as long as they've stated 'I do' before they die.





Who gets the dog?

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Can spousal maintenance ever be forever?

Rose Colley, Partner at Viberts, examines the longevity of 'spousal maintenance' – an ongoing payment designed to help the partner who can't support themselves following divorce.

For many divorcing couples, coming to an agreement over their finances is often the most difficult part of the marriage breakup; and in virtually all cases, divorcing couples need legal advice on both capital and income.

Over the past few years, much has been made in the press of capital settlements, with London regularly regarded as the 'divorce capital of the world.' This means there has been less focus on income provision, or spousal maintenance, as it is often referred to.

Claims for spousal maintenance can be complex and difficult to resolve due to divorcing couples disagreeing about the level of maintenance, as well as how long it should be paid for. In Jersey, disputes over spousal maintenance are one of the main barriers to resolving financial matters in a divorce. This is particularly the case where the husband (as is often the case) is a high earner and the wife has either not worked for many years or where the children are still very young.

In the last few weeks, the issue of spousal maintenance has been thrown into the spotlight by a case in England called SS & NS which has set a legal precedent. This case clarifies many aspects of what the court will consider when looking at claims for spousal maintenance, and provides useful guidelines which will undoubtedly be argued in Jersey's family court. The husband's case in the SS & NS case was that maintenance should be paid for seven years only, with no ability on the part of the wife to extend the term. However, the wife wanted maintenance for 27 years and sought 30% of the husband's bonus

whilst maintenance was being paid to her. The youngest child was 7.

The court stated as follows:

The court must first decide whether there are hard needs to be met – factors for deciding this may include the ages of the couple, the length of the relationship and dependent children;

- Any spousal maintenance should be needs-based, apart from in exceptional cases;
- In virtually all cases, maintenance should not be given where the needs were not causally connected to the marriage;
- Significantly, it was stated that a court must consider the termination of spousal maintenance with a transition to independence as soon as was just and reasonable. In the vast majority of cases a 'term of maintenance' (time deadline) should be ordered. This would mean that 'joint lives orders' – the obligation of the payer to continue paying until the recipient remarries, the payer or payee dies or the court makes a further order - would become much rarer apart from perhaps in cases of older wives;
- Where the court needs to decide between a 'term' (period of time) that can be extended or a joint lives order, the former is to be preferred in most cases;
- The standard of living during the marriage is relevant but not decisive. All too often the emphasis on the standard of living can cloud the prospect of independence;
- It is not for the court to carry out a detailed analysis of the wife's budget but to

look back and ask if the total represents a fair proportion of the husband's available income;

- As far as bonuses are concerned, these can be looked at for extra items beyond basic needs and should be paid on a capped percentage basis.

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The result of all of the above in SS & NS was that the wife was awarded £30,000 pa and 20% of the husband's future bonuses. The spousal maintenance was to be paid until the youngest child reached 18 and it could then be extended if appropriate at that time (the bonus element was not extendable).

If the above judgment was followed in Jersey, it would mark (as in England) a shift away from joint lives maintenance orders to a position where, usually, the wife will have to accept that all financial connections to the husband will be eventually severed. If this does happen, many wives may well feel aggrieved by such an outcome and under undue pressure to become independent before they are ready to do so.



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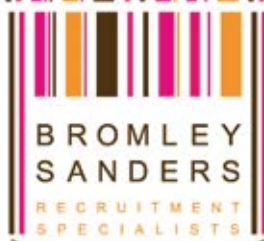
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A brief history of law in Jersey

From humble beginnings as a means of establishing how to divide the family potato field between surviving male children, the legal industry in Jersey has blossomed into what it is today: arguably the island's most essential profession. Without lawyers the twin drivers of Jersey's local economy (property transactions and coffee sales) would undoubtedly collapse within weeks, never mind their contribution to our international reputation as the "Alton Towers of Trust". To celebrate the bicentennial of the first divorce settlement that didn't involve the ex-wife being banished to the Ecrehous, we are proud to present this brief history of Jersey Law.

20,000 BC

4,000 BC

200 BC

1 AD

1600

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1968: scandal erupts when a man dies with no sons, brothers, uncles or male cousins and his daughter inherits the family farm. There are proposals to leave the farm in the hands of a group of electeurs comprised of mature male farm animals, but some neighbours have read *Animal Farm* and don't like the idea of a horse running for constable. The Island grudgingly accepts that a change to probate might be in order

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20,00 BC: there is no law. All disagreements are settled through trial by battle, usually to the death. This is thought to be excessive when it only concerns disputes between onion traders and copyright for the invention of the wheel

4,000 BC: the earliest Jersey laws are brought down from Mount Bingham by the prophet Clement, etched into tablets of granite. They contain primitive reference to the permissible height of hedges and draw the distinction between an advocate and a solicitor. Several holy wars are fought over both issues, decimating the population of Grouville

200 BC: boundary stones are established by the occupying Roman army, but the local population keep moving them around as a form of passive resistance. This practice endures to this today, although nobody is quite sure why

1AD: Roman census instituted: marks the final time that a firm's manpower returns are 100% accurate

1600: after a night of drunken revelling, a parchment containing several joke laws is mistakenly passed into Jersey's legal system. These include provisions for shooting Frenchmen on the beach, addressing the Batonnier as "Mr Bossy Big Boots" and for Advocates to wear wigs and frilly ladies' shirts

1692: a partial victory for gender equality as women allowed in court for the first time, although only in situations where they are on trial for witchcraft

1780: the role of the Bailiff's Mace is changed. The Advocate acting for the defence is no longer required to grovel to the floor every time the mace is pointed in his direction

1910: Maurice Le Brocq challenges his brothers Clement, Jean-Paul, Matthieu and Pierre for the equitable division of their family seaweed-gathering rights (estimated worth - 20 guineas annually). The case stretches on for 18 months, with the result that Maurice is deemed to own the foreshore from Le Hocq to First Tower, but that Clement is to be compensated with a 1/8 vergee strip of Maurice's property. It runs through his vegetable garden, up the stairs and across the master bedroom

1965: immigration laws are modernised - potential migrants to the Island are no longer required to pick tomatoes for 12 months before being granted the right to occupy a hut of their own. Now, immigration is available to all UK citizens, but permanent settlement is restricted to people who've been in the Island long enough to convincingly complain about newer immigrants. Immigrants from Europe must open a cafe or learn to play the Bergerac theme on an accordion

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1979: widespread adoption of the photocopier changes legal practice by making the need for manual copies obsolete. To best serve the interests of clients, all photocopying is to be supervised by a senior Partner and billed accordingly

1989: reform of client privilege allows the lawyer to disregard situations where the client says "no, I really didn't do it" in a sarcastic tone of voice whilst pulling a face and winking. Before this year, it would have been the lawyer's duty to solemnly notify the court of the precise level of sarcasm employed

1995: Jersey considers a formal deeds registry for property transactions, but in an era of "light touch" regulation it is decided that it would simply be more efficient to force lawyers to cram into the Royal Court on the same day, frantically waving contracts around like Dan Ackroyd in the final scenes of Trading Places

2004: a voluntary health & safety code is introduced to restrict the number of 75 hour weeks worked across the legal industry. Mandatory rest periods are introduced - 15 minutes every six hours spent face down on the desk and billed to clients as 'misc. services'

2006: when challenged by the Privy Council, Jersey Advocates are forced to admit that none of them really understand Jersey French, and have borrowed many legal terms from episodes of Allo Allo, simply assuming that the language was made up in the 1940s to prank the German occupiers and that nobody would notice

2008: the high profile "PanamaCash Generalissimo Trust" litigation collapses when it emerges that nobody remembered to tell UK lawyers that they are not allowed to speak in Jersey Court (even on Fridays). Funds are retained in the Island for 'safe keeping', and the airport is placed on high alert for tanned latin men with moustaches travelling to recover their investments

2010: the incoming UK Coalition government pledges to clean up any offshore finance centre in which they don't personally hold any investments. Jersey obviously gets a clean bill of health, but agrees that no firm may change its name more than eight times in a business year, and that there must always be at least one permanent employee at each firm who isn't listed as a Partner

2011: a shockwave goes through the industry when it becomes apparent that prenuptial agreements are invalid in the island. Public life goes on as normal, but overnight at least a quarter of senior Partners shift their ordinary residence to Sark, where the ex-wife is lucky if she gets to keep a handful of golf clubs and her own shoes



Free Lunch

Natalie Jenner heads up the family law department at Parslows. She advises in all areas of family law and has experience in civil and criminal litigation. Natalie was sworn in as a Jersey Ecrivain (solicitor) in 2012 and is an associate member of the Jersey Family Law Association and a member of the Jersey Law Society. We managed to sneak some time in to her incredibly busy diary to take her out for lunch to talk all things legal.

What does personal law mean?

Personal law is the portion of the law which constitutes all matters related to any individual, or their families. This would include, for example, family law, wills and probate, curatorships, personal injury and property.

What sort of cases might you work on in an average week?

I predominantly deal with the firm's family law matters and this forms the large majority of my case load. In terms of family law, I deal with applications for divorce, issues regarding ancillary relief and children on a daily basis. In addition to family law, I am also responsible for overseeing the preparation of client's wills which involves drafting wills, reviewing draft wills which have been prepared by members of the personal law team and meeting with clients in order to discuss their wishes and advise them accordingly. In an average week, I will also be involved in applications for Jersey Grant of probate from persons domiciled outside of Jersey.

Lawyers can be subject to stereotypes- stuffy suited and charging the earth! What do you say to that?

We are aware of the common stereotypes and we, as a firm, are constantly looking at ways to dispel the typecast. In respect of my area, and dealing with the point about costs, one of the greatest concerns for people considering getting divorced and indeed going to see a lawyer generally is the costs that they will incur as a result of obtaining professional legal advice. Whilst there has been a growth in the number of personal applicants submitting applications for divorce,

the concern remains that costs can mount quickly, and therefore clients don't want to engage their lawyers for any more time than they feel is absolutely necessary. I have found that a lot of people applying for divorce are often concerned as to whether they are completing the application forms correctly, but are hesitant to contact

backgrounds. It's a great environment to work in. Although our firm consists of different departments, we are very much one team and we all assist each other as and when required. It's fascinating to hear about other lawyer's experiences and the outcomes of their cases which give me the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in areas

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a lawyer and check these important details. In response to people's perceptions that lawyers charge a fortune, we were the first firm in the Island to develop fixed fee packages to give clients peace of mind over costs at what is usually a very stressful time and we have received a positive response to this. Despite what people may think, we are here to guide people through the legal process in the most efficient and cost-effective way which allows people going through a divorce or dealing with matters affecting their children to move on as swiftly and painlessly as possible.

What's it like to work at Parslows?

At Parslows we offer all services from litigation and dispute resolution to conveyancing and personal injury. When the firm was started in June 2011 there were only two fee earners and one administrator, and now we're up to eight lawyers, all with varied

which are outside my practice areas. I've been with the firm since September 2012 and to watch it grow at such a rate has been exciting. I enjoy working for a firm which really does put the client first; our ethos is to be friendly and approachable and to speak in plain English- we don't complicate matters with legal jargon. As I mentioned before, we are very aware of concerns about legal costs so we make sure our clients are kept up to date about fees and are transparent about them from the outset.

Is being a family lawyer a 9 to 5 job?

Definitely not- it's such a varied job and that's one of the reasons I enjoy it so much. The nature of family law means that a case may evolve very quickly such as where, for example, an urgent application needs to be made by one of the parties which can suddenly require a great deal of work within a short space of time.

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Evolved Planning



Kelly Whitehead is a Senior Planner with the Department of the Environment and is a member of the Planning Institute of Australia. Originally from Australia, Kelly has been working for the Department for nearly 10 years; here she talks us through 50 Years of Planning and Building in Jersey.

50 years ago the first comprehensive planning and building law was introduced in Jersey.

Over the past five decades, planning has responded to the challenges of a changing and growing society and positively shaped the Island's built environment and protected its natural environment.

Planning combines the design of the physical environment with a focus on how people live, work and play; it's about people's quality of life. If we want a sustainable community we must balance the provision of attractive homes with quality of local services and community activities. We need economic vibrancy where businesses are connected to their customers, protection of our countryside and coastal areas, and appreciation of our historic environment and how best to ensure it is looked after for future

generations. We also need to prepare for the long term environmental challenges of climate change.

Jersey's limited size means that to maintain a good quality of life, the Island needs to balance individual wants with the needs of the community as a whole. This requires some degree of organisation and forethought – in short, planning.

Before 1965 there was little regulation and legislation – and very little protection of our natural environment. In the immediate post war era, Jersey introduced regulations to protect the Island's amenities from widespread building. The aim was to preserve and enhance Jersey's 'beauties' and protect its amenities from being spoiled. A Beautés Naturelles Committee considered applications for building work, but this was considered largely on an ad hoc basis.

In the early 1960s the Beautés Naturelles Committee produced the Jersey Development Plan which divided the Island into three main areas: The Green Zone (protected countryside and coastal areas), The White Zone (areas of existing building), and Land for Development (areas designated for future development).

In 1965, the Jersey Development Plan and the Preservation of Amenities legislation were brought together as the first Island Planning law. This law required anyone wanting to develop their land to make an application to the Island Development Committee. From this point, building in Jersey began to be managed in the manner we recognise today.

The principles of development remained the same; to locate all development within the White Zone (areas of existing



building), to protect the Green Zone for amenity and agriculture (areas of coastal and countryside), and to designate land for future development.

A new Planning and Building law came into force in 2006. This law introduced greater transparency in the planning process by enshrining in law the requirement to publicise planning applications and allowing people to comment on applications. Since then, meetings of the committee have been held in public and all documents connected with a planning application are published online for anyone to view.

Over this period, the building bye-laws have developed to embrace not only building safety standards, but new energy efficiency measures for all building work. Quite apart from the environmental benefit this measure helps reduce people's energy bills and keeps homes more comfortable.

Amendments to the law in 2007 introduced third party appeals, which give people directly affected by a decision the opportunity to challenge it. But the only route of appeal was to the Royal Court.

"Over the past five decades, planning has responded to the challenges of a changing and growing society and positively shaped the Island's built environment and protected its natural environment"

Shortly, a new merits based appeal system will be introduced which will offer an accessible, efficient, simpler and cheaper way for people to appeal.

Today's Island Plan focuses on developing the Island in a sustainable way, with a view to improving quality of life. A particular focus for the Minister for Planning and Environment, Deputy Steve Luce, is the regeneration of St Helier and the improvement of the quality of life in Town. This is what planning is about – people and place.

This year's 50th anniversary is not just a time to reflect on the past but to consider the next five decades. What will be the biggest challenges Jersey will face in the next 50 years and how can planning respond to ensure that the Island remains a place where people can be proud to live?



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Finding the perfect office space to promote, grow and nurture your business plays a major part in the success of your company. Honeycomb – the brainchild of Spencer Bourne – boasts a fantastic office alternative, and one that is perfectly fitting to answer the needs and objectives of various like-minded corporations across the island.

Who are Mind Jersey?

Mind Jersey is a small, independent local charity affiliated to Mind in the UK. With a vision of promoting and protecting good mental health for all, this organisation is intent on treating those with a history of mental illness, fairly, positively and with respect.

The roles involved?

'People who experience mental health are at the heart of what we do'.

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health. Rates of depression and anxiety are increasing and, at any one time, 1 in 4 people develop some form of mental illness. Men have far fewer consultations with their G.P than women do, and yet mental health problems are equally common in both genders.

Mind's main aim is to change public attitudes, whilst reducing the stigma and misunderstanding surrounding

mental illness. They aim to influence and improve government policy in this often neglected area of health and social care. 'We provide support and help so that people can take control of their mental health – allowing them focus on living life to the full.'

Services offered include an independent mental health advocacy and a family and carer's support service as well as a fully staffed, round-the-clock, registered residential home, and an emerging peer support provision – manned entirely by volunteers with lived experience of mental health. Mind Jersey also operates a thriving 'Nearly New' shop in New Street, St Helier.

Any plans for the company's future?

'We're currently running a campaign to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health.' To increase understanding and awareness about this condition, Mind Jersey is working to encourage people to speak up about their illness and seek

help sooner rather than later.

Why 4 Wharf Street?

Regardless of whether your start-up is an established charity or a smaller boutique business, a user-friendly hub is an asset to all. Wharf Street is just that to Mind Jersey. With a range of contemporary, tasteful office suites in the heart of St Helier – complete with no hidden costs, ample space and high-tech amenities – they're ideal premises for growing businesses. Especially businesses wishing to provide a service to those in need of support.

'We are very happy with our accommodation in Wharf Street. It's central and we enjoy the 'buzz' of the place with people always coming and going. The anonymity that this provides enables some of our clients to approach us without feeling inhibited or uneasy.'

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Is it important to have an office positioned in the centre of town?

Having an office space that is easily accessible is an asset to both a company and its clients'. Wharf Street's flexible opening hours allow individuals to visit James and his team at a time that is convenient to them.

Renting one of Honeycomb's contemporary suites includes the advantage of a flexible contract – if needed, tenants can upgrade to a larger office without breaking their lease. There's also a kitchen, free online access, individual mailboxes and no service charges to worry about – an advantage to businesses wishing to work from a central hub that has everything you could ever need.

How many people work for the company and when did it initially launch?

Mind Jersey currently employs 20 people, covering a range of roles. The charity was launched, under a number of different names, almost 40 years ago.

'In 2011 we chose to affiliate with Mind nationally when we became known as Mind Jersey.'

What do you enjoy about your job?

'I love the variety that it brings – no two days are the same – and it is very satisfying knowing we make a difference to our client's and their families. I am also very fortunate to work with a terrific team who are positive and full of enthusiasm.'

What does your desk say about you?

'It says I'm busy but approachable, and as for the masses of files...organised in my own unique way!'

Biggest recognitions to date

James was delighted that Mind Jersey was chosen as the Medium sized Charity of the Year in 2013/14 by the Association of Jersey Charities.

'This was a competition organised to promote the work of the Community and Voluntary Sector and this recognition was a great boost to morale!'

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Julien Morel has joined public relations company Direct Input (DI) as an Account Manager.

Julien (40) has over 15 years' experience in the Island's media. Before joining DI, he was a Content Editor at ITV Channel and before that, he was a Reporter and Sub-Editor at the Jersey Evening Post. He also edited Jersey Now magazine. At DI, Julien will manage a varied client portfolio.

Julien said: "This is a new and exciting challenge but one which builds solidly on my previous experience. I have been fortunate to work with some great journalists and I'm sure that will put me in good stead as I begin the next chapter of my career."

James Filleul, Managing Director of Direct Input, said: "To appoint a journalist of the calibre of Julien is a real coup and his arrival is an exciting development for the company. I'm sure that his strong track record will be greatly valued and appreciated by our clients, and he will be able to help them communicate clearly and effectively. Direct Input had its best year ever last year and we are looking forward to building the business further, with Julien's support, in 2015."

Outside of work, Julien is an outdoor and exercise enthusiast and a Scout leader. Davies & Ingram welcomes new Wills and Probate Manager to the practice



New Relationship Manager at Mi Finance

Michelle Vibert has been recruited as resident lending specialist at Mi Finance. She has extensive knowledge and experience in personal and corporate finance in addition to private lending sectors.

Michelle has over eight years' experience in local banking, and was awarded a National Customer Service Award for her outstanding customer service, which means not only can she get you the right loan or mortgage to suit your finances, but she'll do this whilst demonstrating her excellent customer service skills.

As Mi Finance's Relationship Manager, Michelle is passionate about the customer journey and strives to make it a painless and professional experience for all their clients. Having previously worked for NatWest Bank, prior to joining the Mi Finance team in 2015, she knows every client is different and her objective is to make the lending process as stress free and simple as possible.



Jersey student achieves outstanding exam result with highest mark ever awarded

Victoria Eastwood, an Associate in Investment Consulting at RBC Wealth Management who studied for her Level 6 Private Client Investment Advice & Management (PCIAM) qualification at Jersey International Business School, has achieved the highest mark ever – out of 10,000 people worldwide.

Victoria will receive an Award for her result at the CISI 2015 Awards Ceremony in London on 28 January. Speaking of her achievement, Victoria said: "I am absolutely delighted to win this award and am very pleased that my hard work has paid off. I feel very proud and fortunate to work for a company like RBC that is so committed to the ongoing development of its staff, and therefore I was able to take advantage of the exam funding and study leave that they provide. In addition to that I was lucky enough to have top class tuition from Chris Usher at JIBS whose good humour and limitless patience no doubt played a large part in my exam result."

A new diamond at Rivoli Jewellers

Rivoli Jewellers is delighted to announce the appointment of Deb Macklin A.J.P to its team. Deb has joined Rivoli with 19 years' experience in the jewellery industry with the last 10 years at The Bench.

Originally from the north west of England, Deb studied art and design in Lancashire followed by a H.N.D in craft design in North Wales where she specialised in jewellery design and manufacture. Arriving in Jersey in 1996, she started work immediately as a jobbing jeweller learning her trade on the jewellers bench repairing, making and designing jewellery. In 2005, Deb attended the Gemmological Association of America (GIA) Business School and subsequently founded The Bench, a bespoke jewellery and repair specialist. Deb continued her studies with the GIA becoming an Accredited Jewellery Professional in 2010.

Rivoli Jewellers is situated in the heart of St Helier on King Street underneath its famous revolving clock. Rivoli stocks a variety of fine jewellery including engagement and wedding rings, as well as many contemporary jewellery brands and Swiss watches. There is also an independent watch maker on the premises for all watch repairs and servicing.



Davies & Ingram Advocates have appointed Anne Hembry as the practice's new Wills and Probate Manager.

Miss Hembry brings to the firm many years' experience of drafting wills both for Jersey domiciled and overseas clients who hold assets in the Island. In addition she is highly experienced in the administration of Jersey estates and in obtaining Jersey grants of probate for foreign-domiciled clients, again with assets here. She has also dealt with many curatorship matters.

Miss Hembry's appointment will add to the range of services that Davies & Ingram - also specialising in family, personal injury, regulatory and employment law - offers as the firm continues to expand.

Advocate Lee Ingram partner at Davies & Ingram said: 'We welcome the appointment of Anne to the team as our firm grows and as we continue to expand our services both to local and overseas clients.'

Miss Hembry is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. She said: 'I am delighted to have joined Davies & Ingram and look forward to developing the Wills and Probate services at an exciting time for the firm.'



Local Care Worker Promoted to Manage Lavender Villa

Isabel Freitas, 32, has been appointed Manager of leading local care provider Lavender Villa Home Care. Originally a beauty therapist and manager of a prestigious beauty concession, Miss Freitas progressed naturally into the care industry eight years ago.

Miss Freitas has excelled in her professional development undertaking courses in British sign language and gaining her States of Jersey Health and Social Care qualifications.

Miss Freitas joined Lavender Villa Home Care (A States of Jersey fully approved home care provider) in 2012 as Deputy Manager to work alongside a project manager and seven employees. During this time Miss Freitas excelled in several courses including Jersey Employment Law, Coaching, Mental Health, Safe Moving & Handling trainer and most recently safeguarding vulnerable adults Pool Trainer.

Chris Shelton, Director, Lavender Villa Group, commented 'I am enormously proud of Isabel's development within the company; she is a great asset and will be important to the progression of the Group moving forward.'

The appointments come in two by two

Investment research and consulting firm Asset Risk Consultants (ARC) has made two senior appointments, Phil Duffin and Andrew Ingram, strengthening its Jersey team further following recent expansion.

Mr Duffin will head up a team covering ARC's Reporting operations in London, Guernsey and Jersey. Prior to joining ARC Phil worked at a Jersey-based Trust company where he was responsible for the supervision of clients investment portfolios. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and a deep understanding of the market from more than 30 years working in financial services in both Jersey and the UK.

"I am delighted to be joining a firm with a first class reputation for professionalism and integrity, at a time when the investment consulting market is growing rapidly," he said.

Mr Ingram has joined the firm's investment consultancy team bringing over 25 years' experience in the finance industry. He will be responsible for ensuring that ARC's Jersey based investment consulting clients benefit to the full extent from ARC's unrivalled manager research and investment insight.

He has worked for a number of blue-chip companies in both London and the Channel Islands and was previously a director and investment manager at Kleinwort Benson.



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Eliu Recognised in eprivateclient's 25 Most Admirable Companies List

Eliu has been included for the first time in eprivateclient's '25 Most Admired Companies' in the UK list for 2015.

The competitive list of Top 25 Most Admired Companies is part of eprivateclient's Top 25 series, which celebrates and commends the most successful advisory businesses. eprivateclient compiled the list after an open call for nominations, which were then used to judge and create the final list of the most admired companies in the UK, and UK offshore market, across a number of sectors.

Eliu group director, Philip Le Cornu, who was recently included in eprivateclient's '50 Most Influential' list, said, 'Eliu officially launched in September 2014, so we are thrilled to have made eprivateclient's list of the most admired companies so soon.'

Eliu is a specialist in Private Wealth, Corporate Services, Fund Services, and Capital Services. The group, which launched in September 2014 following a demerger from Ogier Group, employs 500 people across 10 offices.



New committee for Channel Islands PR professionals

The Channel Islands Group of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR), the body that represents the public relations industry in the UK, has elected a new committee for 2015.

Following its Annual General Meeting in January, Adam Riddell will serve a second term as Chair; Guy Le Maistre has been re-appointed as Treasurer; and Mark Oliphant retains his role as Secretary for a second year.

The seven other committee members, covering both Guernsey and Jersey, are Jim Anderson, Harriet Black, Lisa Downes, Leah Dunford, Natasha Egge, John McCarthy and Nichole Sweetsur.

The CIPR Channel Islands Group aims to promote the highest professional standards within the sector and plans to host a number of events over the course of the year for members and non-members including a 'Meet the Editor' series, talks from PR experts on topical communications issues and training courses.

In addition, the Group recently announced it would be partnering with the CIM Channel Islands branch for its 2015 Channel Islands Marketing Awards on March 20th, specifically to support the 'Best Use of PR' Award, whilst current President of the CIPR Sarah Pinch will be a judge for those Awards.



Intelligent funding at Structura

This month saw the launch of new local business Structura. The company specialises in creating bespoke funding solutions for high net worth individuals and corporate businesses. Their management team comprises of Nathan Paterson, Nathan Robson, Richard Harrop and Tobias Mathews, who bring together considerable lending experience and professional qualifications across banking, accountancy and law.

Structura aim to take an independent approach to negotiating and securing the most appropriate credit solution available. Client facilities are typically structured against real estate, aircraft & yachts, high value cars and business assets in addition to providing links within their global network to other products.

Co-founder Richard Harrop comments "In a complex credit environment, Structura has a clear, uncompromising vision to negotiate and deliver facilities of value to high net worth and corporate clients, acting with independence, integrity and transparency".

Tobias was kind enough to share with us his business travel essentials in our Case Closed feature in this month's Agenda, be sure to check it out.

For more details please visit: www.structura.je



Ogier Partner, Simon Schilder joins Jersey Funds team

Ogier has announced that Partner Simon Schilder has relocated from the BVI office to the Jersey office to further strengthen the European funds team and also assist in responding to increasing client demand for BVI services in the European time zone.

Simon's practice covers investment funds, cross border and multi-jurisdictional mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, equity capital markets including listings of special purpose acquisition companies and joint ventures.

Simon joins Ogier's funds team in Jersey, adding additional Partner capability. Whilst now based in Jersey, Simon continues to remain involved with Ogier's BVI office and will continue to advise North American funds clients in relation to BVI law.



Ogier advise on Jurys Inn check out

Ogier recently advised on the £680m sale of the Jurys Inn hotel group to US private equity firm Lone Star.

Ogier acted for the seller, Jurys Inn Holdings Limited, which is owned by Oman Investment Fund, Mount Kellett Capital Management, Ulster Bank, Westmont Hospitality Group and Avestus Capital Partners following a significant debt restructuring in 2013. The transaction, which is subject to approval from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in Ireland, is expected to close by the end of March.

The Ogier team consisted of partner Nathan Powell, managing associate Richard Daggett and associate Amy Galley, who worked alongside English advisers Ashurst LLP.

Nathan Powell commented "We have been acting as Jersey counsel to Jurys Inn since 2008, assisting with the restructuring and refinancing of the group, so we are delighted to have worked with them again in relation to the sale to Lone Star and wish them continued success under their new ownership."



Rachel recognised with Gold award from Close

Close Finance's Rachel Scott Renouf has won a gold award for service and teamwork in the Group's inaugural Recognition Awards.

Having previously headed up the sales support team in Jersey, Rachel was seconded to the Cardiff office in late 2014 to provide experienced cover and help train up a new sales team. And her efforts not only won her an award for employee of the month for Wales, but she was subsequently shortlisted for one of Close banking group's national awards.

These new awards were introduced to recognise staff excellence and innovation and, in total, 15 candidates from across Close Brothers' 2,000-plus employees were invited to attend the inaugural awards presentation.

As well as the honour of being the retail division's top performer, she was one of only five Close employees to pick up a gold award, and also received vouchers totalling £2,000 to add to her other accolades.



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Grand Jersey 'Handpicks' new general manager

The five-star Grand Jersey has appointed Martin Kelly as general manager.

Martin has over 23 years' experience in the hotel industry and spent the last 10 years as general manager at L'Horizon Beach Hotel & Spa, Jersey's other Hand Picked hotel.

Hand Picked Hotels acquired Grand Jersey in September 2014, strengthening its presence in the Channel Islands to three hotels – Grand Jersey, L'Horizon Beach Hotel & Spa and St Pierre Park Hotel & Golf Resort in Guernsey.

Martin commented: 'Grand Jersey has an impeccable reputation locally for providing its guests with exceptional hotel experiences. This historic pedigree, combined with Hand Picked Hotels' new operation of Grand Jersey and commitment to investment, will ensure the hotel continues to thrive as the island's flagship luxury hotel.'

'Although we have some exciting plans over the coming months, it's very much business as usual at Grand Jersey. The hotel maintains its five-star status and our coveted 3 AA Rosette restaurant, Tassili, has retained its Michelin star for the fourth consecutive year. I hope to build on the knowledge and expertise I have gained over the past 23 years and use my strengths to enhance Grand Jersey's reputation, both locally and nationally.'

Martin has lived in Jersey for 11 years, having moved to the island from the UK in 2004. In his spare time he enjoys cycling, squash and windsurfing. He is also on the management committee of the Caesarian Cycling Club.

Former JEP and ITV Channel News journalist joins Direct Input



Dragon roars for local beauty business

Penny Downes owner of St Clements beauty salon Pennyfeathers was a proud receiver of the Twitter based business award from Ex BBC Dragon Den star Theo Paphitis.

The national small business award known as #SBS, Small Business Sunday Award, was awarded to Penny by Theo after being invited to tweet what's great about her business. Penny wrote "Pennyfeathers a small Jersey salon putting the treat back in treatment."

She initially won the award back in February 2014 and finally collected the award last month at a gala event held by Theo at the ICC Birmingham. It was attended by over 700 people from all over the UK. Penny had the chance to meet Theo and his panel of speakers at the event and tell him more about her salon. Penny said "It was a joyous, inspiring and educating event."



Litigation Partner is only Jersey lawyer named in UK Awards

Bedell partner, Lisa Springate, was the only Jersey lawyer included among 24 individual award winners from firms across the country, including partners in many of the leading City law firms, in the Citywealth Power Women Awards 2015.

Lisa was an award winner in the Woman of the Year Business Growth Professional Services category and was recognised for her role in spearheading the introduction of an innovative new client relationship management system across Bedell.

The Power Women Awards, hosted by Citywealth, the London based media group, recognises individuals and companies who maximise the potential of women in wealth and highlights and champions 'the female leaders of today and tomorrow'.

Radisson Blu Jersey takes Gold at Skills Development Awards 2015

Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, Jersey have been recognised for their commitment to developing people at the recent Jersey Skills Development Awards.

The awards, held at Fort Regent, were the first of their kind in Jersey and recognise the valuable contribution employers are making to ongoing skills development within their organisations and developing the skills of local young people.

The Gold Award in particular requires an organisation to meet a certain set of criteria, these include; commitment to training and developing the workforce, commitment to the community by offering work experience and a sustained record of offering additional work experience to younger people.

Radisson Blu Jersey has been committed to developing its people and driving the hospitality industry for many years now, with some fantastic results. For new employees and work experience candidates, the hotel has supported Project Trident, Trackers, the Advance to Work scheme, Highlands College Work Experience Partnership Programme and the Back to Work scheme. Many young people coming to the hotel through these schemes have been offered full time work since, and are still working with the hotel today.

The background is a solid green color with a repeating pattern of tennis rackets. The rackets are oriented diagonally and are rendered in a lighter shade of green, creating a subtle texture. In the center, the word "SPORT" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly transparent, allowing the racket pattern to be visible through them.

SPORT

IN IT TO WIN IT

Gallery meets four local athletes preparing to compete in the Natwest Island Games...

NIKKI HOLMES

Pistol shooting: Individual and pairs competitions in both Air Pistol and Sport Pistol.



How are you preparing for the Natwest Island Games?

I'm having physiotherapy with Morag Obarska, the Team Jersey physio, on a tennis elbow problem which means I can't shoot as much as I would like. I have an electronic target trainer which means I can practise at home by dry firing (shooting without actually firing anything out of the pistol). I'm definitely on the mend so I'll be increasing my practice shoots so that I'm shooting four to five times a week.

Best thing about your sport?

It's you against yourself and nobody else so it doesn't rely on the performance of others (this also makes it a bad thing because if you're having an off day you can't rely on your team mates!).

Worst thing about your sport?

Being on the range on a Sunday morning in February when it's freezing cold and you can't feel your trigger finger!

Best thing about representing Jersey?

I was never very good at sport so was always extremely envious of anyone who was good and managed to represent the island or their country at sports events. Now I've found a sport I'm good at and I'm so proud of representing the island where I was born.

How can people get involved in your sport?

They can find a club on www.jerseylovessport.com or they can contact me on n.holmes@gov.je and I'll be more than happy to talk to them.



GREG MANSELL

Cycling: Sprinter, specialising in flat races and crits, aiming to try to be the fastest at the end of the race.

How are you preparing for the Natwest Island Games?

Training hard as usual for the season ahead, but knowing the big races this year are at home on the Rock, helps keep you extra motivated.

Best thing about your sport?

How much of a team sport it is, it really takes a team effort to pull off a good result. Everyone makes a difference and can have a part to play.

Worst thing about your sport?

Road Rash! When you have a big crash. That really can be a pain in the arse, literally.

Best thing about representing Jersey?

The Atmosphere at the last two islands games were amazing. Pulling off a result for Jersey feels a lot more rewarding than just a Pro race result. It matters to more people.

How can people get involved in your sport?

There is a great cycling culture in Jersey, Club rides out every week at every level. There is also some great racing on the rock throughout the year. Big Maggys is the place to go and ask questions. They will sell you a bike before you know it.



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ANDY HART
Windsurfing.
How are you preparing for the Natwest Island Games?

Training has been a little lapse over the winter but the final event in our trials series, which will finalise our team, is at the end of March so I hope to get on the water before that. From April we will then start doing weekly race training on the water with the team.

Best thing about your sport?

The variety and freedom. Windsurfing offers the chance of everything from cruising, racing, speed sailing, jumping, waveriding and everything in between.

Worst thing about your sport?

The frustration of being stuck in the office/inside when it's windy and conditions are great or no wind when you do have time to get on the water!

Best thing about representing Jersey?

It's great to be able to show what Jersey has to offer to everyone you meet, from a watersports perspective Jersey is pretty much perfect.

How can people get involved in your sport?

Come and speak to any of us next time you see someone windsurfing on the beach! Windsurfers are a friendly, enthusiastic bunch and will be happy to offer tips and advice.


LUCY O'SULLIVAN
Archery: GB women's compound archer
How are you preparing for the Natwest Island Games?

Shooting, shooting and more shooting - practice makes perfect. I try to focus on technique for most of my sessions but when my coach comes over it is a good time to then have a look at equipment set up, the compound bow is so complicated and moving your equipment such as your arrow rest by fractions of a millimetre can make a huge difference to your arrow groups at 70m. I've also been in the gym and out running.

Best thing about your sport?

It is a sport for all ages. I love the social aspect of it! You have target companions at each competition, so at the national events I get to meet up with my friends every week and have a natter.

Worst thing about your sport?

You have to compete in all weathers. I have only ever had three shoots in my life called off due to weather; usually if it's so windy the arrows are blowing off of the bow, or if there is lightning overhead.

Best thing about representing Jersey?

Jersey is my home, I know I moved here when I was 9 but all of my family from my father's side are Jersey born. I love this island and to represent it is just something special! Every time I step off the plane and smell the sea air I know I'm home.

How can people get involved in your sport?

The Archery Association of Jersey has two clubs in the island. I shoot at the Archers of Jersey check out the website at www.archersofjersey.co.uk or email info@archersofjersey.co.uk

islands together...





Age: **32**
Sport: **MMA (Mixed Martial Arts)**
Height: **6-ft 6-in**
Weight: **93 kg**

SPORTSPERSON OF THE MONTH

LIAM MCGEARY



What do you do: I'm a professional MMA fighter in the light heavyweight weight class. I joined the American Bellator MMA franchise in 2012 after being crowned British champion at Fort Regent in 2011.

What is MMA: Mixed Martial Arts is a combat sport that incorporates boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, judo and jiu jitsu. Professional record: 9 wins, 0 defeats

Favourite food: Mexican

Favourite MMA expression: Train hard fight easy (the harder you train the easier the fight will be).

Favourite song: The number of the beast (Iron Maiden)

You're not currently living in Jersey, what do you miss about the island: I miss my friends there and I miss the beaches. The nightlife is also pretty good.

When did you start training MMA: I started training properly in 2010

What does it take to become a professional MMA fighter: It takes a lot of dedication and sacrifice. I have had to give up a lot to get where I am today but it will be worth it.

"I feel bad for Jersey when they make silly mistakes like referring to it as 'cage fighting' or similar, I have even had companies in Jersey tell me the sport is not the right fit for them and then stammer when they find out it has sponsors like Nike, Gillette and Budweiser"

Where do you think is the best place in the world to fight MMA: It has to be America, that is the Mecca of MMA. It's where I had to come to make a career out of it as Jersey hasn't quite caught up yet (laughs)

Where and when was the favourite moment in your fighting career: It would have to be winning the Bellator Light Heavyweight tournament. I was the first British fighter to ever achieve that and I won all three fights in the first round. It earned me a shot at the world championship and again I will be the first Brit to win that too. Close second would be winning the ICO British title at Fort Regent, it was a big achievement, and even though I don't think the island realised it at the time, all my friends that were watching cage-side did and that was great.

You've taken it to a whole new level in your sport, would you have any top tips for aspiring sportspeople: Work hard and stay on track. If you have a target then aim straight for it no matter what. Ignore the

naysayers and the cynics, they will be the ones eating their words!

When you first started competing MMA was relatively unknown in Jersey, is that changing and if so how can people get involved in MMA in Jersey now: It appears to be changing slowly which is good but it is still a long way behind the rest of the modern world. The sport is mainstream worldwide and worth billions, with bluechip sponsors and major television deals. I feel bad for Jersey when they make silly mistakes like referring to it as 'cage fighting' or similar, I have even had companies in Jersey tell me the sport is not the right fit for them and then stammer when they find out it has sponsors like Nike, Gillette and Budweiser - but it's ok as I know they will learn eventually, the internet is a great teacher. There is a local show that I started on called Rumble on the Rock that puts on great fights and people can train in MMA in Jersey at BPT (Brazilian Power Team) or Gracie Barra Channel Islands, both have top class instructors and all can be found on social media.



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REDEFINING YOUR LIFE THROUGH FITNESS

I CATCH UP WITH JOE MURPHY AND GRANT HOGAN, THE BRAINS BEHIND JERSEY CROSSFIT – A CORE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM THAT HAS BECOME THE INTERNATIONAL SPORT OF FITNESS.

Having opened the doors to their new gym, members now have a massive 6,000sqft of space to play with, housing everything from Olympic weight-lifting platforms to a running track, male and female changing rooms, gymnastic rings and bars, climbing ropes, prowlers and Kettle bells – everything you could ever need to improve your performance and fitness ranks. The gym is aimed at all ages, levels and genders with different workouts tailored to each.

There's even a workout of the day (WOD) to look forward to – something that adds a degree of competition and fun to training. It's also a good way to help individuals to learn about their strengths and weaknesses, whilst watching their progress over time.

Despite coming from different sporting backgrounds, Joe and Grant share the same passion for CrossFit and have been working hard to establish this concept of training on the island. Both believe in training for performance as opposed to aesthetics. 'If you're looking for mirrors to pose in, this facility isn't for you!'

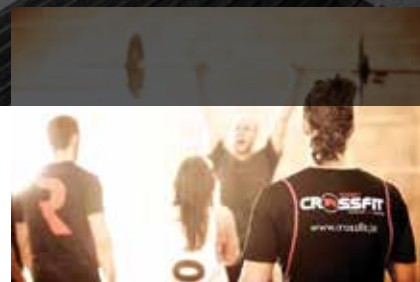
The workouts are as hard as you want them to be – the harder you work, the more you

get out of them. If you're new to CrossFit, you'll begin with 'Fundamentals' – a two week introduction program, which teaches beginners the moves before entering into the main classes.

Staying fit and healthy is an essential part of our lifestyles and improving strength is a must. 'As soon as you lose your strength

it affects everything you do, including your mobility, movement and energy levels'. It's recommended that we exercise at least 3-5 times a week, however, to reap the benefits, it's important to also 'eat clean' by following a nutrition plan that complements your training regime.

Fancy giving CrossFit a go? Check out the Grand Opening Special, which can be found on the website – available to the first 50 members only – and includes a two-week introductory Fundamentals program, plus two-weeks of unlimited CrossFit for just £80. Visit www.jerseycrossfit.je for more details and to find out more about the many classes available.



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HARDWARE

LEGENDS OF GADGETRY

WORDS Taylor Jones

THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES CHANGED THE FACE OF BIOLOGY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD IN 1859. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME EVERYONE COULD FINALLY USE SOUND, WRITTEN EVIDENCE TO ARGUE AGAINST THE ALSO WRITTEN, BUT SLIGHTLY LESS SOUND ARGUMENT THAT GOD CREATED ALL. IT ALSO MEANT THAT CHARLES DARWIN BECAME WHAT 90% OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WOULD CALL A "BOSS".

This was a man, a simple geologist who was curious about turtles in the Galapagos, that stumbled upon an idea that made him a legend in eyes of all overenthusiastic, over-angry atheists. This month, as we're all finally recovering from the disappointment of Valentine's Day, we want to celebrate the way things grow and, obviously, evolve. Unfortunately, Darwin was slightly behind technologically compared to even 1-month olds today, and his science, although almost heroically slapping every creationist in the face, was lacking. Today, with the help of technology that can analyse and cure almost any disease (1 point to Gadgets), we can apply that same theory that told us we came from the apes to shape the changes in gadgets everywhere.

There is a new school of legends now, that follow the path that Darwin set years ago (with their products. We're all following that path technically). On these pages, I will show to you some of the finest (and, staying true to style worst) gadgets that have changed, evolved and in some cases horribly degenerated over the course of their lifetimes. We couldn't ignore the big ones here, so this month I'll be making absolutely no effort to find the positives behind phones, computers, games consoles and, after a lengthy search for a fourth gadget that I remember enough about, vacuums.



APPLE COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS

It has come to my attention that I rarely talk about Apple in a positive light in this section of the magazine. This is because I am usually talking about the iPhone, which I have deep-rooted hatred for that I have neither the time nor the word-limit to explain. However, I am willing to be the bigger man in this conflict that the business giant refuses to acknowledge and admit that, minus that gadgetry stain, Apple do in fact make some fantastic products.

Specifically, their computers and laptops. Although Gates may have got there first, his soon-to-be bitter rival Steve Jobs was not long behind. Apple released the Apple I in 1976, and Jobs had no way of knowing what was being started. Perhaps the story of Apple, from typewriter-looking Goliath to

super-slim, super-fast and super-displaying (meaning it displays in a super fashion, get off my back this is a hard one) Apple Air,

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may be the best example of technological evolution on these pages. Every single new generation of Apple computers creates a buzz in technological circles like very few other products, but it is the laptops that generate the interest that made Steve Jobs able to look down on Bill Gates and chuckle with a smug grin. The MacBook

Pro essentially redefined both human and gadgetry sexiness, whilst the Air continues to defy not just human belief,

but physics itself with its thin design. Whilst the competitors in the market have, undeniably, come on in metaphorical leaps and bounds, Apple remains distantly ahead of

them in terms of design, revolution and unfortunately product retail price. But with great power, comes a great ability to charge customers that need to fit in with the crowd ludicrous amounts of money. If monetary gain isn't the point of evolution, then what is?

DYSON VACUUM

This seemed like a fantastic idea when I found it, and because of that I'll stick by it, however I am slightly struggling to think of what to write about vacuums. Imagine that, having to write about the evolution of a vacuum. Admittedly yes, Dyson has indeed presented us with a myriad of adverts claiming that they're revolutionising vacuum technology and designing new ways for us to experience pushing a ball around a carpeted room comfortably, but what does that tell us? It was in 1974 that James Dyson had the idea of putting

a ball in place of wheels on a wheelbarrow, and since then they've very much played on that idea repeatedly, finding almost any excuse to show off that it was Dyson himself that discovered the mobility possibilities of the sphere. In all honestly, evolution was the basis of this company, and since its creation there hasn't been a whole lot of actual evolution in terms of Darwin's natural selection. Rather, they simply change some of the aesthetics and from time to time offer a smaller model that you can hang on the wall.

SONY MOBILES

In August of 2001, two mobile phone companies were in dire straits financially, and whilst Nokia was making everyone else in the market whimper with fear, Sony were making small blips on the radar and the only thing falling faster than the sales numbers at Ericsson Mobile Communications were the tears of their investors. It only seemed right that the once great company (which was Ericsson, what happened right?) should merge with Sony, who were happy enough making piles of cash higher than their own factories in other technological circles. And so was born Sony Ericsson, a company that would survive until only 2010, when Sony would fork out \$1.4 billion to expand the size of its boots to accommodate their exponentially growing feet. But let us not think of the modern technology wars just yet, and let's harken back to a time of relatively low competition in the mobile phone network (because is there really competition when there's a monopoly like Nokia's?). The first phone from Sony Ericsson was the K750i, followed very shortly by the W800i. Now the K750 was a forgettable piece of gadgetry, but for anyone that was either in school or in any given space during 2005, it has gone

down in myth and legend as "the phone that can play music for 30 hours". Other than that feat of "genius", there was really very little about the phone that made it any different to, uncoincidentally, any Nokia on the market. Nowadays, Sony on its own are a massive part of the Sony/Microsoft/Apple/Samsung battle for power. Although the Sony Xperia is not the best-selling of the four, it still offers an extremely competitive product, on par with any of the new smartphones. The Xperia Z3 is the newest of these models, giving the user everything an iPhone can offer minus the brain-hammering anger that comes with a battery that lasts roughly two hours.

There have been a lot of iterations between the W800i and the Xperia Z3, but it was only post the culling of the Ericsson name that Sony really started becoming a large competitor in the gadget game. In a world where Apple and Samsung are scarily close to becoming large enough to have governmental influence [citation needed], it's important that there remains some other option, so thank you Sony, for not just ruining the lives of children with war games.

MICROSOFT XBOX

This is it. The big one. The Cold War of technology. Microsoft vs Sony. Probably the most clear and abundant example of this competition is shown in the form of the two companies' games consoles, the Xbox from Microsoft and the Playstation from Sony. What perhaps categorises the competition between the two consoles best is their evolution, luckily for us. The launch of the Xbox in 2001 introduced a new level of gaming to the market. It was the first console that did not require costly memory cards to store games, boasting its own built-in hard drive, and it also offered Xbox Live, an online service for connection between players and online games for a monthly cost (point for Sony).

The secret weapon for Xbox was one certain game, Halo. That name should send shivers down the spine of anyone that has ever touched a console controller, and one that has inspired generations of future game-makers. The Xbox, however, was only the beginning. The new Xbox One is, and this pains me to admit, the height of console technology. With control over everything that can be projected onto a screen, including internet, TV, games, music and pretty much every other form of media. There is a list as long as your arm of the things that you can accomplish with the newest iteration in the Xbox series. Not for the first time, should I suggest an imminent technological apocalypse?



GO GO GADGET GLOVES!

You can stay smart and keep warm this winter because Sure is giving away a pair of these amazing Kit Universal Bluetooth Gloves worth £20 when you sign up for a smartplan this winter.

One thing the smartphone makers haven't got to grips with is the need to use your phone when wearing gloves - an essential during Jersey's cold winter months. So to make sure you can keep your hands warm and still take calls, these gloves enable you to operate the handset and also answer calls using the microphone and speaker neatly hidden in the thumb and forefinger. You'll feel like a top secret agent. The Kingsmen can eat their hearts out!

So go on, keep warm and stay smart, this winter.



Return of the Famous 5

words | Nathaniel Eker



As pretty much the definition of the mainstream go to sports car, you might not think that the Mazda MX5 has changed much since its inception. I had the opportunity this month to check out not only the latest model, but also one of the original 'mark one' series to compare them. The changes are not only noteworthy to a buyer but also show how far Mazda and the car industry has evolved over the last three decades.

The MX5 is now celebrating its 26th year of existence and is one of the most popular sports cars on the market; I challenge you to drive around the island for a while and not see at least one of these speeding around the roads and looking stylish and sexy while they do it.

The mark one MX5 I drove was from 1997 and it is certainly a product of the 90's. Low to the ground and extremely light weight, it's a very enjoyable car to drive. Every feature is reminiscent of

the time from the retro dashboard to the pop up front lights. Very cool. It still drives incredibly well too. Despite having a pretty rigid gearbox and a sensitive clutch, it's a smooth ride once you get to the open road. These aren't faults with the car itself however, it just reflects the innovation of the time. Had I not been three years old and concerned with watching Pokémon over all else, I could certainly see myself driving this car blasting out Blur with the top down in good old 97'.

Fast forward 17 years to the MX5 25th anniversary edition. A very rare car indeed with only a certain amount created in this style to commemorate the event, I was very privileged indeed to be able to test this one. Whereas the 97' model has a pleasing retro look about it, the 25th anniversary model is a very slick car indeed, with a very established update to the classic look reminiscent of many other modern day sports cars. The metallic red is extremely pleasing to the eye and with the black wheels contrasting with the body colour, it's altogether a very nice looking car. The interior is no different, the cream and black leather works really well and is a substantial update from the MX5 of old.

The features of the car have of course, evolved over time as well.



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While the 97' model had a very basic layout consisting of a pretty standard radio and A/C system, the 2014 model has all the bells and whistles associated with modern day sports cars. Volume controls on the steering wheel and a built in stereo system with a computer screen on the dashboard are just two of the many features it has to offer. It also has a built in sat nav that will, for better or worse, tell you immediately in a monotone voice when you break the speed limit by one mph.

However, the really impressive element comes in the form of the roof. The 97' model has a canvas roof that requires you to manually unclip it and unzip it the whole way along. No great shakes, but it still takes about two minutes all in all. The 2014 model seriously excels by having a metal roof that with just a quick unclip and the holding down of a button can be up or down within three seconds. Wowzers. It's a seriously impressive feature and one element that really showed a great improvement and demonstrates the evolved technology that makes the car more appealing.

However, how do they both drive? As previously stated, the 97' model takes some getting used to with its old school gearbox and clutch, but once it gets going, it's a really fun ride. The fact that it's so light really lets you feel like even the slightest push on the accelerator can have a great impact and it's extremely responsive.

The 2014 model is of course, a sublime and easy drive as a product of our modern generation. It's a cracking drive and is notably heavier than its ancestor, again reflecting the trends of the time. A much smoother gearbox and a clutch that needs a little more give were more in my comfort zone and contributed to making everything feel easier. Despite not being an automatic, I would describe the 2014 version as a much more automatic car, while the 97' requires a lot more work from the driver behind the wheel. That's not to say one is better than the other, they're just different. The 1.6 litre engine of the 97' feels a lot more powerful, despite the newer model having 2.0 litres of power, due to its lighter shell and generally smaller design, which surprised me.

To wrap up, both of these cars were a joy to drive. I fell in love with the charm and the control of the 1997 model, while the 2014 version is technically a great achievement as well as being extremely pleasant to look at. The evolution of the MX5 will come full circle this year, I'm told, as the 2015 model is set to owe more to the original 1991 design being much smaller and lighter and subsequent cars will no doubt follow suit in getting bigger and bulkier in the following years like some sort of car version of 'Groundhog Day.'

PHONE HOME

Smart, Fast and Powerful!

There's no escaping it – smart, fast and powerful – really are the only words you can use to describe the Sony Xperia M2.

Well, you could add “great value” to that description because at just £135 for pay-as-you-go users, this is a smartphone that punches well above its 148 grams in weight, giving you the feel and performance of a handset that could cost twice as much.

Sony has designed the M2 with a Qualcomm Snapdragon 1.2 GHz quad core processor that enables you to push the M2 as hard as you want it to go. Streaming video is lag-free and displays perfectly on the colour-crisp 4.8 inch TFT screen.

The screen is perfect for showing off photos and videos made with the 8MP camera and Sony's exciting range of camera apps that give you the power to bring the brave new world of Augmented Reality to your shots.

Alongside the processing power and super-sharp visuals, the M2 comes equipped with one-Touch connectivity

that lets you instantly connect to all your electronic devices. Send music wirelessly to your living room speakers or mirror your phone on your smart TV.

Add to this the fact that the Sony Xperia M2 is 4G ready and you'll understand that it really is smart, fast, powerful...and great value too!

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TIAGO'S TOP TIP FROM AIRTEL-VODAFONE

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Samsung Galaxy Note Edge, curves and all

Jersey's own superstar DJ - and Airtel-Vodafone Brand Ambassador - Hannah Jacques reviews the Samsung Galaxy Note Edge

This one was a bit of a curve ball for me, literally. I'm a huge iPhone fan but I've enjoyed Samsung in the past so I was curious to see if it was a strong contender to my beloved iPhone.

My favourite spec was the beautiful, high resolution curved screen. Samsung also didn't cut any corners when it came to the phone's camera with an excellent 160 megapixel camera and even has a unique selfie mode – what's not to love? I don't really use a stylus but I do like Samsung's nice grippy surface.

While the curve looks nice, it does have some level of functionality - it's like having two screens in one with the curved bit showing anything from Twitter topics or Facebook updates. The downside is that it's on the right and could be uncomfortable for left-handers.

I recruited the help of the team at Airtel-Vodafone for some of the techie bits. 3GB RAM to ensure multitask windowing and a quad-core Snapdragon 805 processor to back it up giving the handset full marks for performance. The storage upgrade is worth a mention giving you more space to keep photos, videos etc.

This phone is similar to its predecessor, Galaxy Note 4 as a really solid smartphone, but with a beautiful curve design.

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Unlike other Lumia's, the 830 boasts an easily accessible camera complete with power and volume rockers, whilst the latest upgrades to WP8.1 include a variety of up-to-the-minute features and faster browsing speeds.

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The Big Gig weekend, 4th and 5th July, is made up of Legend in the Park and Sure's Big Gig in the Park, a community spirited, family focused music event set over two days. Every penny raised at the Big Gig weekend goes toward Helping Jersey Charities, who distribute funds to local children's charities.

First up on Saturday 4th July is the Legend in the Park and this years legend is GOLD! Spandau Ballet is a globally renowned British band with a vast catalogue of hits from the eighties to date. Spandau Ballet's biggest, most pervasive hits are familiar to anyone in possession of a radio or a laptop, anyone who was born in the last 50 years or indeed anyone who regularly goes to the movies or watches television - the group's songs have been used in the Simpsons, Spin City, Charlie's Angels, The Wedding Singer and Ugly Betty, as well as in advertisements for Coca Cola, Sony Ericsson, Caixa, Nissan, Nescafe, Pils and dozens more - while the band's songs have been covered by everyone from the Black Eyed Peas and Nelly to Paul Anka and Lloyd & Lil Wayne.

The last time they reformed to tour five years ago, their London O2 Arena date sold out in just 20 minutes! With their steadfast fans and the revival of eighties music and the new romantic genre in particular.

Next up is a veritable feast of boy band brilliance on Sunday 5th July 2015 Howard Davis Park will play host to two of the UK's finest bands around, The Vamps will be headlining along with Union J making a welcome return to the park. After touring the UK and Ireland, and as well as having supported the likes of Taylor Swift on her Red Tour, The Wanted and McFly, The Vamps are a huge live act... They certainly stand out and they're one band that guarantees an energetic and exciting live performance!

Back in 2013, Union J wowed the crowd at Big Gig and they've risen even further to stardom since and they are delighted to be back in Jersey too, they loved the Big Gig crowd and we're sure they'll be getting a very warm welcome!

Tickets are on sale now on the new look website www.biggigjersey.com



Striking A Chord

Chordz, the music masters, have launched a brand new music school in the heart of St Helier, with the promise of private studios, quality teaching and whole lot of fun!

Run by a team of graduates from various corners of the globe - all boasting diverse musical backgrounds - Chordz offer guidance to melodically minded individuals of all ages and abilities! Try your hand at everything from guitar and piano, to keyboard, vocals and even drum and bass.

Whether you choose to join forces with the Rock School (a grading syllabus boasting a 100% success rate) or the up and coming summer school (an opportunity for students to learn an instrument of their choice over the course of a week, getting to grips with a variety of songs, forming a band and finally, performing to a live audience at one of Jersey's prime music venues) Chordz is the go-to venue for all of your musical needs.

On top of their electrifying music initiative, the Chordz Coffeehouse is another string to their bow - a music-inspired café brimming with quirky artwork, brandishing a 'Chordz special' roasted coffee blend - a guaranteed pick-me-up post rehearsal. The trained baristas also serve a variety of unusual hot drinks, many of which are exclusive to the island, including Matcha Green Tea Lattes and London Fog Tea. Choose from super healthy juices, freshly made rolls, taste-tantalising sandwiches, wraps, salads, Panini's, soups, porridges and baked goods. Free WiFi, live entertainment and great music are all part of the service.

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MARCH MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE: WHAT'S ON...



SATURDAY 7TH MARCH REASONS LAUNCH @ ROJO

Justin Robertson marks the beginning of the Reasons Electronic Music & Arts Festival's journey, he has been at the forefront of electronic music for over two decades and remains as relevant today as ever. A man with an equal love for forward thinking electronica and more traditional sounds, he perfectly embodies the ethos behind Reasons. Support on the night comes in the shape of Reasons residents Tharindu, John O'Connell and Ben Newman. Announcements of the first wave of artists for Reasons on the night too, be the first to know!

Advance tickets priced at £5 are available from Eventbrite. Limited to just 300 // 9pm -1am



SATURDAY 14TH MARCH SUB FOCUS @ THE SPLASH

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Tickets £17.50+bf subfocusjersey.eventbrite.com or White Label Records//10pm - 2am Strictly over 18's, ID is essential!



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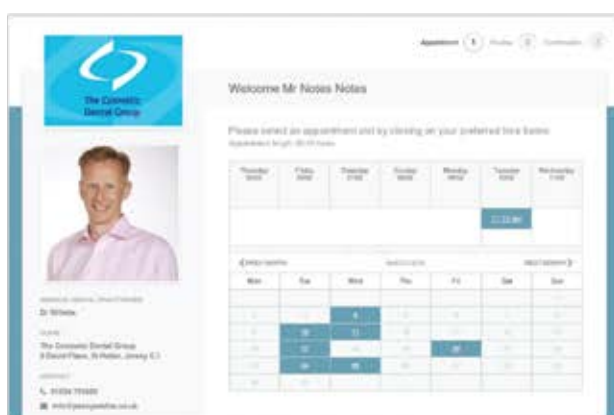
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