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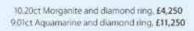






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IMOGEN MALPAS

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GLEN PEROTTE

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What's your gift?

t's always hard to know whether or not to focus my introduction to our winter edition of Gallery on the upcoming mince pie infused gift-giving phenomena, as some readers might be picking this edition up in the for the first time in the fantastically futuristic-sounding 2020. If it's January, I hope you had a stellar baby Jesus time, filled with joy, meriment and chocolate coins.

If you're reading this hot off the press in early December, woo-hoo! You get to leave this edition open on the pages of our Gorgeous Gift Guide that feature items you'd like wrapped up and left with your name on them for the 25th. Or earlier. Why not today? Gift giving is the traditional activity of the season, hence our 'gifted' theme, but why not go for extra credit? Surprise gifts are like Christmas presents, but you can give them anytime. Imagine the look of joy as you buy a friend, relative or loved one a gift on December the 5th. Then the 10th. Then the 25th. Then the 31st. I mean, why not?

In addition to a brilliant selection of gift ideas this month, we also met a new generation of gifted individuals. From the future movers and shakers of our Gradu8 careers guide to the Head Boys and Head Girls of some of our local schools, shot for this month's Gallery profile shoot. Imogen quizzed them on their secret sauce; extracurricular expertise that they have tucked away alongside their scholastic skills. Whether boxing, archery or musical skills, these leaders of the future with be working and playing hard to keep themselves ahead of the game. Every future CEO should be able to kill a rabbit with a crossbow, in my opinion.

No bow skills? How about dancing? Our 'On Point' fashion shoot combines the ballet skills of three local ballerinas and the photographic prowess of Dasa Wharton, who specialises in ballet photography and travels across the world to capture amazing images. Whether it's in sport, creativity, academia or empathy, if you have a gift - use it.

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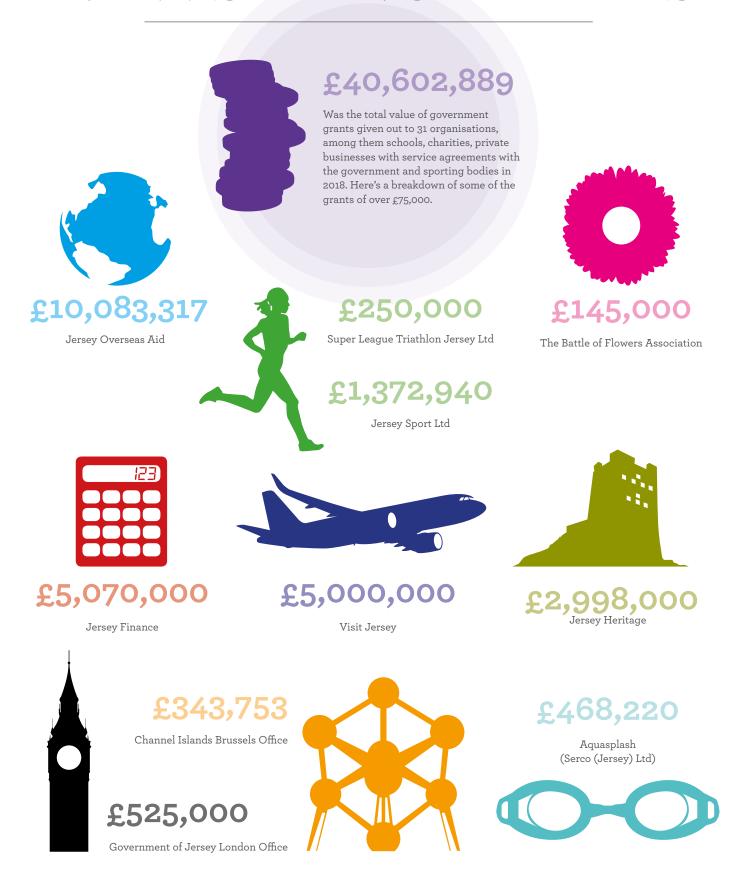
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□ 1 DEC □ 18:00 > 19:00 £free

From Darkness to Light

Cantabile have been invited back to St. Lawrence Parish Church for the fourth time to sing for an Advent Carol service of readings hymns and carols entitled 'From Darkness to Light'.

St Lawrence Parish Church St. Lawrence

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cantabile.org.je

The Shelter Trust for the Homeless in Jersey, will be holding its annual fund raising Soup Kitchen, with around 40 different soups on offer, provided by the island's top restaurants, hotels and local chefs. With seasonal music and a festive atmosphere, the event continues until the soup

The Royal Square St. Helier

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Admin@shelter.org.je shelter.org.je

■ 6 DEC-5 JAN ● 10:00/12:00-20:30 £TBC Very Nice Ice Skating at Festive Fort

The Ice Rink is back for 2019! Perfect for all the family so make sure to pay Fort Regent's rink a visit this Christmas. Tickets can also be bought online this year (pre-booking advised). The ice-rink will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New

Years' Day.

Fort Regent Mount Bingham St. Helier

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humfrey@gov.je www.fortregent.je

□ 1-24 DEC ① 18:00-23:00 £free

St. Helier's month-long celebration of all things Christmassy, and the capital certainly takes the festive season seriously! With everything from late-night shopping and seasonal markets to carol concerts and a spectacular panto, anyone who can't wait for Christmas to come around will find themselves right at home.

Various Locations St. Helier

+ 44 (0) 1534 811811 www.sthelier.je

□ 16-20 DEC ① 10:00 > 17:00 £TBC

In the Make Space - Mênagiéthe-Making (Wreaths) Christmas is nearly here! Get into the festive mood by making a traditional Jersey Mênagiéthe wreath to hang up for Christmas. Email handmade@jerseyheritage.org to book your space. This event is suitable for all abilities and free for JH Members.

Jersey Museum The Weighbridge St. Helier

+44 (0) 1534 633300 info@jerseyheritage.org jerseyheritage.org

□ 25 DEC ① 10:20 > 10:40 £ free Christmas Day Swim - St Brelade

Traditionally held by 'The Old Smugglers Inn' at Ouaisne, this is one of Jersey's traditional locations for a festive swim. It's always popular. Remember to take your towel and mulled wine to warm you up afterwards.

⊘ Old Smugglers Inn La Mont Du Quaisne St. Brelade

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🗐 1 DEC 🕒 10:00 - 19:00 £1 donation

A Victorian Christma

Experience an unrivalled period atmosphere at The Victorian House, Jersey Museum. Immerse yourself in history as you browse the gas lit rooms to discover beautiful gifts made by local artisans and craft workers. Victorian Living History and a programme of music all add to the charm and ambience of this unique, festive event. There is a requested £1 donation entry free.

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■ 5 DEC () 12:00 > 13:00 £10 - £20

Join us for the biggest Santa Dash Jersey has ever seen! Santa suits will be provided as part of your registration fee, but all fancy dress is welcome. Individuals and teams can enter. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Liberty Wharf St. Helier

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■ 8 DEC • 9:30 > 17:00 £Normal Admission

Ho Ho Ho! Christmas arrives early for the animals at Jersey Zoo this year. Will you be there to watch Santa give them their presents? Warm up afterwards with mince pies and mulled wine, whilst enjoying live music from local musicians. And don't forget to do a bit of Christmas shopping in our gift shop!

1534 860026 events@durrell.org durrell.org/events

Jersey Zoo Les Augres Manor, La Profonde Rue Trinity +44 (0)

■ 15 DEC ① 10:00 > 16:00 £10 - £20

The Magic of Christmas - Discovery Day

Start the countdown to Christmas at Jersey Museum and enjoy quality family time before your Christmas to-do list completely takes over. There will be fun, festive activities and Santa will be waiting patiently to see you in the Victorian House. Discovery Days are family fun days filled with arts and crafts, history and heritage.

Jersey Museum The Weighbridge St. Helier

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■ 20 DEC - 4 JAN ● 19:30 > 19:30 £18 - £22

Cinderella, 110th Anniversary Pantomime

To conclude their 110th Anniversary celebrations, the Jersey Green Room Club presents the most beloved of all pantomimes, Cinderella. Join the irrepressible Buttons, the ugliest Ugly Sisters you've ever seen and, of course, our beautiful eponymous heroine in this spectacular Christmas-time favourite.

Jersey Opera House Gloucester Street St. Helier

jerseyoperahouse.co.uk

■ 25 DEC ● 11:00 > 11:30 £ free Christmas Day Swim - St Helier with Jersey Swimming Club

Crazy Christmas Day outfits at the ready ... Make a splash with us, at our ridiculous enjoyment in jumping in to freezing cold water - just for a laugh! Bring pennies too though, because we would like to raise a few funds for 'Cheshire Homes' tool

Havre des Pas Bathing Pool St. Helier

+44 (0) 1534 870788 gjersey-swimming-club.org jersey-swimming-club.org

☐ 1 DEC ① 10:30 > 15:30 £ free

St. Clement's Christmas Fayre

Hosted by the St. Clement's Battle of Flowers Association. Come and join us for our Christmas Fayre. Lots of fantastic local crafts, gifts and fine home made produce. Plenty of free parking on site.

La Grande Route de la Cote St. Clement

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5-8,12-14 DEC 10:00 > 17:00 £ free

The Genuine Jersey, Simply Christmas Royal Square Markets

Showcasing over 40 of Jersey's finest artisans, Simply Christmas brings you a labyrinth of stalls oozing with festive magic, beautiful gifts and tasty treats. With hot food and live music, it's the perfect place to buy unique gifts directly from the artisans who have created and produced them.

The Royal Square St. Helier

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■ 8 DEC ① 16:45 > 22:00 £ free The Jersey Battle of Flowers Christmas Parade

A delightful Christmas spectacle with many floats forming a colourful procession through the streets of St. Helier. The floats are festooned with twinkling lights and the performers both on and off the floats, many of them in seasonal costume, help the spectators get into the Christmas spirit. Town Centre St. Helier

+44 (0) 1534 730178 events@battleofflowers.com

battleofflowers.com

□ 15 DEC ① 18:45 > 22:00 £7.50 - £36

Jersey Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert An evening of fabulous music performed by the Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Morley and led by Martin Smith. Our soloist is Rob Burton, winner of the Woodwind Category of the BBC's Young Musician of 2018. Beaulieu Convent School Chamber Choir directed by Gitte-Maj Donoghue will be joining the orchestra.

Fort Regent Leisure Centre St. Helier

+44 (0) 1534 449600 ann1ea @gmail.com jso.org.uk

□ 21 DEC ① 11:00 > 16:00 £TBC

In the Make Space - Creative Darning

Make, do, and mend this Christmas with Beverley Speck from the Jersey Embroidery Guild. Learn how to creatively fix holes and tears in favourite pieces of clothing and how to repurpose items. Email handmade@jerseyheritage.org to book your space.

Jersey Museum The Weighbridge St. Helier 44 (0) 1534 633 300 info@jerseyheritage.org jerseyheritage.org

■ 25 DEC ① 10:30 > 10:50 £ free

Christmas Day Swim - St Ouen

Enjoy your Christmas swim at Jersey's longest beach, outside the home of Jersey surfing, This swim is raising money for Jersey Hospice Care and Healing Waves.

The Watersplash Grande Route des Mielles, St. Ouen's Bay St. Peter

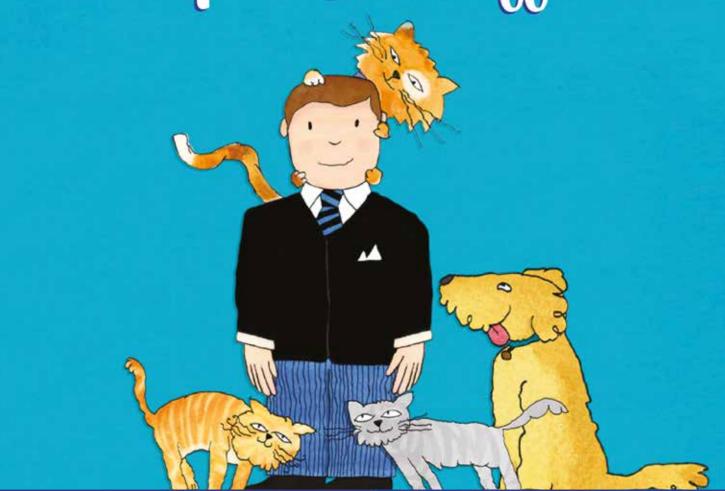
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It's Christmas Day. You're stuffed to the brim with lunch and the family have gathered around the tree. Your favourite Aunt hands you a giant box with your name on it. As you begin to peel back the wrapping paper, the box lets out a little whimper. Could it be? You rip off the paper and open the box faster than you say "Father Christmas" and there it is: a beautiful blue-eyed French Bulldog puppy, only a few weeks old and looking up at you, his new Mummy.

You throw your arms around your Aunt and cannot thank her enough for "the best present EVER!" You take to Instagram to post pictures and stories galore of your new fur baby, prompting the green-eyed envy from your friends that are "sooo jealous". You name him Tommy, in homage to your favourite Peaky Blinders character, and just like that you have a new man in your life, with a 10-14 year commitment attached to him that requires you to pick up his poop.

You wake up the next morning to find that darling Tommy has decided he wants your bedroom door frame for breakfast. Oh, and he needed the toilet in the night, so there's a lovely surprise on the floor for you too. Rent is going to be tight this month, but you don't have the time or knowledge to train a puppy with your busy schedule, so you sign up for puppy school and sub some dinners for Mum's leftover turkey that week to afford it.

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The 27th comes around and you're one of the unlucky ones whose office is open between now and New Year's Eve. You call your sister to see if she can watch Tommy for the day, but she already has her hands full with the kids. You call your Aunt - she looked after Tommy for a day or two leading up to Christmas - but she's boarding a flight to Barbados, so no-can-do.

You decide that he'll be fine - you'll pop back and check on him at lunch. Midday comes around and you trek across town to spend your lunch hour (or what's left of it) caring for your little one. You come home to find Tommy collapsed on the kitchen floor - he can't breathe properly. You rush him to the emergency vet, just in the nick of time, to hear that Tommy has likely come from a puppy farm. He has a severely narrowed airway and he is going to need surgery in the future to allow him to breathe more normally. Unfortunately, you've not yet had a chance to look into obtaining pet insurance.

Over the next few months, you research into how to look after a dog properly. You spend most of your free time toilet training Tommy, doing basic training, socialising him, getting him used to being groomed and taking him on walks.

Summer comes around and you've just about paid off the loan from your Mum to cover the vet bill, but you've had to take up extra work to cover the cost of pet food, toys and other accessories, insurance, ongoing medications and doggy daycare. Your bestie's planning her hen-do to Ibiza and the whole gang are putting down their deposits, but you're just about getting by as it is, and there's no way you can afford the cost of kennels for a week on top of that.

You persevere for a few years, sacrificing a lot of your well-earned fun, cash and time to care for your baby, before the real thing comes along. Tommy, like many other dogs that haven't spent time around babies or children, finds it confusing and intimidating. He faces an overwhelming number of novel sights, sounds and smells, many of which he finds upsetting, and suddenly he has a lot less of your time and affection. No longer the 'only child', he slips into a state of depression and is even beginning to show signs of aggression towards your newborn.

Your time becomes stretched and so does your bank balance. You decide if you're going to give your (human) child everything it needs, something's gotta give. You've weighed up all the options, it breaks your heart to admit it, but that something is Tommy.

"A large percentage of pets are surrendered, and often put down, in the weeks and months following Christmas by individuals who made impulsive pet purchases, or by those who received a pet as a surprise gift."

Year-on-year, animal shelters across the world see tens of thousands of pets given up for adoption, simply because the owners cannot care for them. A large percentage of pets are surrendered, and often put down, in the weeks and months following Christmas by individuals who made impulsive pet purchases, or by those who received a pet as a surprise gift.

The JSPCA would like to remind you; if you are thinking of introducing a pet to your home, or gifting a pet this Christmas, please take time to consider if you (or the recipient) can realistically care for them. Pet ownership is a serious responsibility and a decision not to be taken lightly. Dogs can be up to an 18 year commitment, with cats even longer, so the decision to introduce a pet into your life needs to be well-thought-out and one that is discussed with the entire family.

A new home with loving owners is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a pet. But first, be sure you can give them the care and fulfilment they deserve for their lifetime before adding a pet to the top of your Christmas list.

A PET FOR CHRISTMAS?

Things to remember -

Life expectancy: Consider how long they are expected to live. Are you sure you can commit to them for that length of time?

Ongoing costs: Food, bedding, toys, vaccinations, grooming, insurance, bills

Mess: Muddy paws, shedding hair, chewing/scratching of furniture, 'accidents!'

Your lifestyle: Do you have the time to meet your pet needs? Is your home suitable? Will they still suit your family dynamic if/when babies come along?



Gorillas go for over a million!

You'd have to have been living under a rock to have missed Durrell's Go Wild Gorilla auction last month. The Facebook live feed was stacked and we all watched in wonder as an appreciation for local art, altruistic support for Durrell, an enthusiastic auctioneer and champagne all combined to create an incredible evening and fundraising total of £1,146,500. Fourty-four gorillas found new owners and our congratulations to all the creative minds, designers, illustrators and creatives whose designs gave the whole project such a great image.



Plémont on your coffee table.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 'Line in the Sand', The National Trust for Jersey has produced a coffee table book charting the history of Plémont from pre-historic times; its subsequent incarnation as a thriving post-war holiday destination to the more recent political debates and campaign to save it as a wild and natural space. The book is a collection of papers written by some of the many individuals who played a part in the saving of Plémont from development and its restoration as an open space for the enjoyment of all.

Priced at £30.00, the book is available from The Elms and 16 New Street. All proceeds from sales will go towards the Trust's Coastline Campaign.



The Reds get Lemurs

Jersey Reds looked wild in their Lemur shirts, designed by Emily Neil, 10, from Plat Douet School, who won Santander International's Design a Rugby Shirt Competition. The design must have been a good-luck charm because they were wearing the strip when they beat Nottingham 19 - 10 in a home game. After the game, the shirts were entered into a silent auction, raising over £5,000 for Durrell and Jersey Rugby Club. The day was a double celebration for Jersey Reds, following the return of 'Dream Signing' Badongo – the rugby shirted Gorilla that the club bid for in the Auction (in news above).

And the Red Ladies get a sponsor.

Rossborough have become the first Jersey Reds Women platinum sponsor. The insurance broker has agreed to provide considerable funds to develop and ensure equality in women's community rugby. It is the first time that Jersey Reds Women has received substantial investment from a major sponsor. Rossborough's support will help provide the team with their first Jersey Reds kit, cover travel costs for the women to represent Jersey in the UK and most importantly facilitate an equal footing with the men's teams.



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Two weekends of Christmas markets to hit the centre of town

The Genuine Jersey Simply Christmas markets, which bring quality local products and festive cheer to the heart of St Helier, are set to be bigger and better for their second year.

Over 60 local producers, craftspeople and artists will be showcasing their work in the Royal Square over two four-day weekends, where you can meet the makers and buy unique gifts from the artisans themselves. From tasty treats and homemade delicacies to bespoke jewellery and local art, there will be different exhibitors at each event so Christmas shoppers can enjoy a wide range of quality goods over both weekends.

Bringing the square to life will be street performers, local bands, choirs and musicians, and there's also a Christmas scavenger hunt for families to take part in. The event is kindly sponsored by Signtech (C.I.) Ltd, Prosperity 24/7 and TEAM Asset Management, local companies helping to make 2019's markets even more magical than previous years.

Sarah Taylor, Simply event organiser, said: "Working with Genuine Jersey last year was a great success, shoppers were blown away by the level of talent and skill showcased by our exhibitors and the Royal Square was filled with locals and visitors all enjoying the festive atmosphere. This year we are welcoming even more exhibitors, musicians and street performers, so over the two weekends there will always be something new to see."

John Garton, Chief Executive Officer of Genuine Jersey, said: "The festive season and our local markets are a really special time of the year for our members. They are the perfect opportunity to get their names out there, see what products are popular and to make some sales. Genuine Jersey are really pleased to hold these markets for a second year."

The event will be supporting Variety – the Children's Charity of Jersey – through a raffle at the markets. Each year, every stall holder donates a product to the raffle so there will be some great hampers and prizes on offer. Raffle tickets will be available from the Variety Club Jersey stall at the markets.

The markets will be held from 5th to 8th and 12th to 15th of December, and event organisers are pointing people to the Simply Christmas page on Facebook to keep up to date with the line-up of entertainment and stall-holders on each day.



For more information on this year's Simply Christmas markets, visit www.facebook.com/simplychristmasjersey

Domestic Abuse.

When people think of domestic abuse, they often focus on physical violence. But domestic abuse includes any attempt by one person who is or has been in an intimate relationship or are family members to dominate and control the other. It is estimated that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse.

Similarly, the impact of such abuse upon the lives of the children living in such environments cannot be underestimated.

In 2018, there were 1,106 domestic incidents and 468 domestic crimes in Jersey.

There are a number of different signs and types of domestic abuse:

Psychological/emotional-uses 'mind games,' to undermine and make the person doubt their own opinion and to deny that abuse is happening. Constant name calling, put downs, withholding affection. Telling the person what to wear, who to see, where to go, and what to think. Isolation from friends and family.

"I was in a very controlling relationship which resulted in me becoming very depressed, anxious and suicidal. I couldn't breathe...he wouldn't even let me go to the toilet without knowing what I was doing."

Physical - anything from a slap, bite, punch, kick, strangulation - used to instil fear. It is not about causing harm to their partner, it is about exerting power and control to scare and to use violence as a threat.

"I was in a physically abusive relationship and even now 20 years on, I am still scared when someone shouts, raises their voice. The emotional scars never leave."

Sexual – it isn't just rape or sexual assault, it's about entitlement and expectation, and forcing someone to have sex, perform certain acts or degrading behaviour against their will.

"My ex-partner would force me to have sex, when I didn't want to. So, I would let him do what he wanted, because I was so scared of him."

Financial - it's more than just money, it can mean: preventing someone from getting or keeping a job, not allowing them access to their income, giving an allowance, taking money, running up debts and withholding basic necessities.

"I felt completely trapped because my partner would have control all of our income and only give me 'pocket money' which meant that I couldn't afford to buy my own things."

It's impossible to know what goes on behind closed doors, but there are some tell-tale signs of abuse:

- Seems afraid or anxious to please their partner and goes along with everything their partner says
- Has to check in often to report where they are and what they're doing
- Receives frequent/harassing calls or messages
- Has frequent injuries
- Frequently misses work, school, or social occasions, without explanation
- Dresses in clothing designed to hide bruises or scars

It can be very hard to talk about abuse, if you are concerned about someone, approach them in a sensitive way, such as "I am worried about you because...". Let them know they are not alone, that it is not their fault.



Where to go for help?

In an emergency, call the States of Jersey Police on 999 for immediate help.

Jersey Domestic Abuse Support - 880505 States of Jersey Police – non-emergency: 612612 Victim Support - 440496 Jersey Womens Refuge - 0800 735 6836 Jersey Action Against Rape* – 482800 *(for sexual offences and not for generic DA reporting)

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AW APOCALYPTIC CHAIFTMAY BUYING QUIVE

Words: Grant Runyon

They say it's the most wonderful time of the year. The snow is being sprayed on, the plastic reindeer have come down from the loft, and a jolly man in red is staggering towards the door with a pile of boxes from your favourite online sweatshop. As soon as we've dug out some pudding (marked down to 10p in January 2014) and turned on the electric log we'll be all set to celebrate the holiday that best sums up where we are as a society. Ho ho ho, we're drowning in waste and cooking the planet like a turkey!

I've already been warned that my invite to family Christmas is skating on thin ice, so I'm at pains to show my loved ones that even though I'm a seasonal doom-sayer I haven't skimped on the gifts. With a little help from my Elf on the Shelf, Greta, I've picked out presents that won't end up in the landfill next Christmas, or the Christmas after that, or possibly ever. For who knows what the future may hold? That's a rhetorical question, kids, because I do. Joy to the world.

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW: A LOVELY PAIR OF BOOTS

For years I collected trainers, buying up unnecessary shoes like a housewife from a black & white sitcom. Now I worry about how disposable fashion drives awful environmental practices in the developing world, so no Yeezys this year. Instead of spending £150 on the Air Max the kids were begging for it was more ethical, and certainly better value, to spend £250 on a solid pair of leather boots. The extra money buys something hand-made, in a factory I can trace, but also a shoe that can be repaired whenever it wears down. I favour brands like Red Wing Heritage or Cheaney, or any shoes that are Goodyear welted - meaning they can be resoled by a skilled cobbler. Providing you take good care of the leather they will probably last you a lifetime (however long that may be). A good black boot is versatile for casual or work wear, at home in the woods or on the streets, and won't let you down on foraging missions where you might walk ten miles to scavenge through an abandoned supermarket for a rusty tin of beans.



"COME CLOSER AND I'LL CUT YOU, AND YOU KNOW FULL WELL THE NEAREST

MEDICINE MAN SLEEPS IN THE CITADEL AT GOREY. YOU'LL BLEED OUT BY THEN,

RAIDER SCUM. GIVE ME BACK MY BEANS AND LET ME BE ON MY WAY."

I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS: A SHINY PAIR OF BINOCULARS

Camera equipment used to have a long shelf-life, but these days the kids don't care about Canon or Nikon because they're busy snapping away with a smartphone that will be ready for landfill by the time the guarantee runs out. A good pair of binoculars are different - they might not be any good for catching Pokémon but they're a wonderfully old-fashioned mechanism of glass and gears that will last for decades as long as you look after the fragile bits. Nothing digital can match the experience of raising that eyepiece and manually dialling in a close-up view of an edible bird, juicy clump of nettles or filthy raiding party approaching from the Trinity badlands. You can also use them to magnify the sun's rays and start a fire to cook beans or "long pig." If the sun happens to be hidden by a cloud of toxic ash, I recommend banging together a couple of rocks or going raw food until you find some smouldering tyres.

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE: A WARM WATERPROOF COAT

Once upon a time a coat would have been the key item in your wardrobe. If you weren't wealthy enough to follow fashion you'd invest your wages in a solid, sturdy and frequently-repaired item to defend you from the unpredictable elements. The low cost of textile manufacture now means that coats are as disposable as the rest of our wardrobes but again if you are prepared to spend a little more you can get something which will last through years of foul weather without needing an upgrade. Outerwear designed for sailors or labourers may not be flashy, but it will take a beating and live to see another day - as long as you learn a few tricks with needle and thread. The only downside is that it's often brightly coloured, which is useful for safety reasons but inconvenient if for some reason you need to melt into the darkness without a trace. This is why I recommend clothing aimed at hunters; a specialist shop will be able to help you work out which size will keep you dry without interfering with either your ability to climb or any heavy metal objects you might have clipped to your belt. You can also enhance water-resistance with beeswax, assuming that the bees haven't gone extinct or mutated into a more agressive form.

PEACE ON EARTH: A NICE PRACTICAL KNIFE

Ask a chef and they will tell you that a proper knife is one of the best investments you can make in life. The difference between a cheap knife and a high-quality length of steel will be felt after years of service in your home, or wherever you end up when it's too dangerous to stay in one place. A kitchen might be in your house, but it might be a flat rock in front of a fire burning against an old car - it's the memories that matter, the memories of civilisation and the warm hands that first sharpened this knife for you. It's also true that even the finest kitchen knife still has practical limitations, so my advice is to search out a knife that remains at its sharpest in a range of situations. The right steel will cut potatoes, but also bark, and wire, and any nets that have been thrown over you whilst you were digging through a trash pile searching for rags. Quick as a flash you'll be free, and they won't expect to see that strong silver blade of yours until it's gleaming in the cold light of dawn. Come closer and I'll cut you, and you know full well the nearest medicine man sleeps in the citadel at Gorey. You'll bleed out by then, raider scum. Give me back my beans and let me be on my way.

LAST CHRISTMAS: A WATERPROOF BACKPACK WITH VARIOUS ITEMS

Amidst the piles of luxurious gifts that accumulate throughout December there's still an old-world charm about the Christmas stocking, that delightful grab bag of odds and ends that somehow manages to be more personal than the most expensive item beneath your tree. I love to see the children's faces when they pull out a toy soldier, a bag of chocolate coins or a knuckleduster I welded from a rusty horseshoe. This year instead of a stocking there's a rugged nylon backpack, but it's as full of treats as any child could want. There's a compass, a length of wire to make traps, a pickaxe, a grappling hook, iodine pills, some shuriken, skeleton keys, a gas mask, and a bag of chocolate coins. I even packed in a field surgery kit; there's no anaesthetic because you'll appreciate the pain when it reminds you you're alive. There's also entertainment - Greta's book and a copy of Corman McCarthy's The Road. Hold your horses Gran, there's no need to call me a taxi - I got you the Only Fools and Horses Christmal Special on DVD and a box of Quality Street. Don't eat the purple ones now - they're in case you get taken prisoner. Happy holidays!

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What's Your Secret 2011

Photography: Danny Evans **Words:** Imogen Pickering



Remember the good old days when "secret sauce" meant, um, sauce? These days, it's a buzzword for businesses, entrepreneurs and millennials, referring to an element, quality, ability, or practice that makes something or someone successful or distinctive.

Now, we all know that sometimes your brain needs a break. No matter how passionate, determined and tenacious you are, repetitive focus on your regular curriculum can actually limit brain function, increase fatigue and be detrimental to your health.

There have been many studies conducted on the relationship between extracurricular activities and academic performance, showing that students who participate in activities outside of school generally have higher grades, more positive attitudes towards their studies and higher academic aspirations.

From improved leadership skills to time management, analytical thinking to creative expression, we met some of the Head Boys and Head Girls of the island's sixth form colleges, to see what "secret sauce" makes them the model students.

TURN THE PAGES TO FIND OUT MORE...

Tanguy Billet-Masters

School: Victoria College **Position:** Deputy Head Boy

Secret sauce: Table tennis charity event

"I started playing table tennis in year 7 and when I was in year 10, I decided to incorporate charity work with my hobby. I set up a fun doubles table tennis tournament in aid of the Love Hearts Appeal, which has since become an annual event; this year being my third time in organising it. Overall, I have raised nearly £8,000 so far. This charity initiative has definitely helped me to develop as a person and I look forward to continue using my charity organisational skills at university."



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Madeleine Jowitt

School: Hautlieu School

Position: Head Girl

Secret sauce: An interest in the history of

humanity and diversity

"I believe the Eurocentrism of our learning in the majority of our schools across the UK really limits our understanding of the wider world, and we miss out on an array of cultures and history. It's for that reason that I think it's so important to broaden my horizons; last academic year, I studied a years' worth of Mandarin alongside my AS subjects and I recently completed an online course from Harvard on World Literature. This summer, after I sit my A-Levels, I plan to take a course on Understanding Africa from SOAS University of London. In this modern and diversifying age, I think it's vital that we place more emphasis on a more worldwide perspective. Given my own mixed heritage, this sits very close to my heart."

Eva Patterson

School: Beaulieu Convent School

Position: Head Girl

Secret sauce: Musical Theatre and Performance

"I've been performing since the age of 3 and it's something that I've completely fallen in love with. Performing is a form of escapism for me; whenever circumstances are stressful or challenging, it is something which is guaranteed to motivate and excite me. For me, performing is an outlet for creativity and self-expression and I'd be lost without it. In terms of the future, I hope to go to University to study performance and obtain a BA Honours Degree in Musical Theatre."





Phoebe Over

School: Hautlieu School **Position:** Deputy Head Girl

Secret sauce: Music

"I've always been a massive music lover and picked up guitar from a young age as a secret hobby. I've recently started writing and singing my own songs, creating music which I love to listen to and then performing at a few small gigs to get my name out there. I really never thought I'd be able to play in front of people, as I used to keep my hobby hidden, but now the thought that people will be able to download my songs on their phone amazes me. It's something new and I'm learning a lot along the way, but I finally feel as though I can express myself through song, being creative with my ideas in the process. I'm looking forward to seeing how it all goes and I hope to go onto study music at university next year, or even make a career from it."



Samuel Moore

School: Victoria College Jersey

Position: Head Boy

Secret sauce: Tennis coaching

"I started playing tennis when I was in Year 7 and began coaching as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. After completing the 3 months of volunteering as an assistant coach, I was inspired to take it on as a part-time job, and have since completed 2-3 hours of paid coaching per week. Assisting younger students in developing their tennis skills whilst following their progress is enriching and encourages me to do more. Having just come to the end of another 12 month period of volunteering for my DofE Gold award, coaching has further proved to be very rewarding. I believe the communication, organisation and leadership skills exercised in the job have equipped me with the relevant experience to excel as a prefect and prepare me for future life."

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Emily Grace

School: Jersey College for Girls Position: Deputy Head Girl

Secret sauce: Ballet

me in the future."





Joel Turner

School: Hautlieu

Position: Deputy Head boy

Secret sauce: Outdoor physical "Adventuring"

"Ever since I was a child I've loved the outdoors; exploring, adventuring and challenging myself. It's something I've been passionate about developing ever since. Through rock climbing, surfing, kayaking, freerunning, coasteering and scuba diving, my love for being amongst our island's nature is an invaluable experience every time. A big upcoming event for me is a kayak expedition that I'll be going on this coming summer, where a team and I have three weeks to live out of kayaks, as we paddle from Ilulissat to Saqqaq, stopping only for water in remote villages. I hope to continue being adventurous and daring for as long as I can, for there is always more to explore."

Rosie Nicholls

School: Jersey College for Girls

Position: Head Girl
Secret sauce: Running

"For me, running is the perfect escape! If I ever feel stressed, going for a run helps me to stay focused and keep a clear head. Even when I feel tired, it's amazing how energised and refreshed I can feel after getting out in the fresh air. I'm not a particularly competitive runner; I just do it because it makes me happy and I like being able to improve on my times and distances. It's more of a personal competition to see how much I can challenge myself. I find running incredibly rewarding, both mentally and physically, and it's something at which I hope to continue to improve!"





Thomas Whitney

School: De La Salle College
Position: Head Boy
Secret sauce: Boxing

"I haven't been boxing for too long, however, as soon as I finished my first-ever boxing session with my cousin, Brandon, I fell in love with the sport. Since then, I've been hooked and both my Mum and Dad would come along and partner with me if my cousin couldn't make a session. At the end of a busy day, I can go to the BoxInBusiness gym and escape all of my worries with people that enjoy the sport as much as me. I'm really looking forward to continue working with my trainer, Alan, as he continues to help me expand my knowledge of the sport."

Lily Dobber

School: Jersey College for Girls
Position: Deputy Head Girl
Secret sauce: Archery

"I have wanted to do archery for years, inspired by Artemis, Greek goddess of the hunt, and I finally fulfilled my wish earlier this year. Archery makes me feel powerful and in control, as well as being a practical strengthening tool to keep me healthy. It's instilled in me that you have to treat every arrow like a new start; not thinking about how well or badly the last shot was, learning with every attempt, and I've been able to apply this ethos of focus and perseverance to many other challenges in daily life. It's also taught me the value of patience and how to trust myself." RYMAGAZINE WWW.GALLERY.JE

Eoghan Spillane

School: Hautlieu Position: Head Boy Secret sauce: Music

"I play the piano and flute, which provides me with a break from my busy timetable at school. All of the subjects I study fall within the realm of maths and science, so music really adds balance to my life. It's allowed me to develop skills and disciplines when it comes to practicing things you struggle with, which I would say has really moulded me to be the person I am today. Recently, my music has allowed me to perform in a band with some of my friends. It's an amazing sense of achievement when you can stand up and play a song that

you didn't know 4 weeks ago!"



Ross Laurent

School: De La Salle College

Position: Head Boy

Secret sauce: Tennis coaching















HEART OF THE FOREST EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Private and PublicFriday 15th November

Private and Public always invite us along to their brilliant exhibition launches and they're always well-attended events. November saw the work of Isa Capper on show; paintings that are described as 'spectacular and enigmatic in equal measure'. The images hover between representation and abstraction and resemble places that feel both familiar and imaginary in equal measure. Visitors to the gallery were immersed in paintings that 'radiate bright colour, positive energy, sunlight and everything that is great about the natural world in its purest form'. Attendees certainly looked happy with the event, which was sponsored by Charles Yorke.













SAVILLS HOME TRUTHS EVENT

Gorey Village Wednesday 6th November

Savills Jersey hosted a Home Truths event at DiCasa, Chapelle de la Maison in Gorey Village on Wednesday 6th November. About 65 people attended the event, which included presentations from Paul Tostevin, director, Savills Research, about the Jersey and UK property markets, Geri O'Brien, Director, Savills Jersey, who took the audience through

some successes of the past year, and Coutts NatWest. After the presentations, guests enjoyed live jazz music from Chris Lafferty, drinks and canapes. Geri said: "Our Home Truths event was a great opportunity to present our market expertise; the evening was a huge success and we've had very positive feedback from those who attended."



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AN EVENING WITH ATUL AND OLLY SPONSORED BY SANTANDER INTERNATIONAL

The Royal Yacht Thursday 7th November

Twice Michelin-starred-chef Atul Kochhar and TV wine expert Olly Smith returned to Jersey for an evening of fine food and wine and to raise funds for Jersey Hospice Care. Atul, who runs Kanishka in Mayfair, London, created a five-course feast of modern Indian cuisine, paired with wines from all over the

world chosen by Olly Smith. Sponsored by Santander International, the event turned the Royal Yacht's Celestial Hall into Jersey's largest Michelin-star style Indian restaurant – serving over 270 guests.













STONEHAGE FLEMING SPONSORED ART COLLECTION LECTURE

Jersey Museum & Art Gallery.
Thursday 14 November.

Stonehage Fleming, one of the world's leading independently-owned family offices, had the pleasure of sponsoring an illustrated lecture on behalf of the Art Fund, at the Jersey Museum & Art Gallery. James Knox, Director of the Fleming Art Collection, provided an insight into the glories of the Fleming Collection and its role in promoting Scottish Art at home and

abroad. Maria de Peverelli, Executive Chairman of Stonehage Fleming Art Management, said: "The Fleming Collection has held dear its mission to promote Scottish art and creativity outside Scotland, and is a vehicle for cultural diplomacy. Thank you to everyone who joined us for what was a fascinating evening."







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In store Thursday 14th November

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fizz and nibbles. Shoppers had the chance to take advantage of generous discounts and to win huge prizes including a £2,000 gift card! The team at de Gruchy took the opportunity to thank their loyal customers for their support over the years.













BOHEMIA BEHIND THE SCENES EVENT

The Kitchen at Bohemia Thursday 7th November

Bohemia held their first ever open kitchen evening in November, with the restaurant shared with guests in an unprecidented way for one night only. Attendees got the chance to experience life in a Michelin starred kitchen and meet the teams of chefs and front of house staff that make the restaurant the

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SASO STRATEGIC ADVISORS DRINKS EVENING

*Grand Jersey*Thursday 21st November

We went to check out Saso's online financial advisory portal last year. They do seem to be a business that's trying to move their industry forward with innovations in tech, which is always good to see. They must be doing something right as the firm recently won the Best Practise award for Best Adviser

firm established under three years from International Adviser, the first Channel Islands Financial Advisory firm to win such an award. They therefore marked the occassion with a celebratory drinks reception for clients and friends.













STANDARD BANK EVENING WITH SIR RANULPH FIENNES

La Moye Golf Club Thursday 24 October

Standard Bank Jersey hosted an evening with renowned British explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes last month. Sir Ranulph entertained the audience with stories from his many record-breaking expeditions. 'Sir Ran' gave an insight into the huge amount of work that goes into getting these expeditions off the ground, the harrowing conditions the explorers are exposed to, as well as the real sense of

achievement that comes from having raised over £19 million for charity over the years. Sir Ranulph said: "It is a particular privilege to be hosted by Standard Bank Jersey. Africa, particularly South Africa, is a home from home for me. I moved to Cape Town when I was one and lived there until I was 12 and I still have a lot of family there.



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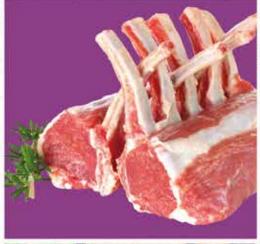


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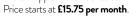


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THIS CHRISTMAS

Travel, RESPONSIBLY

Words Rebecca Evans

'Every day we experience on earth is a gift, that is why it's called the present' - unknown

Forget the bottles of aftershave, the jewellery, and even the selection boxes; the biggest gift we will ever experience as humans is this beautifu fascinating, crazy lump of spinning rock that we call home, and all the wonderful marvels of nature that it's crowded with.

One of the greatest pleasures in life is exploring a new part of this world; gazing at the sun as it slips behind a tropical horizon, feeling the spray from a tumbling waterfall, or standing at the feet of vast mountains dusted with snow.

So it's a sad kind of irony that the more we travel, the more damage we do to our one and only abode. Globally, tourism accounts for around 5-8% of all carbon emissions, and you'd have to have been hiding under a discarded carrier bag not to realise that many travel hotspots are now struggling to stand the strain of mass-tourism.

Startling examples are easy to find; after the release of Hollywood hit 'The Beach' back in 2000, Thailand's Maya Beach went from an idyllic and often deserted beauty spot, to receiving up to 5000 visitors per day, most arriving by motor boat. Damage to coral, depleted marine life and jettisoned litter eventually caused

the local authorities to close this breath-taking bay to visitors indefinitely in order to allow for ecological recovery.

Now it seems there's not a beauty spot left on the planet that hasn't been invaded by thousands of us queuing up for that 'unique' experience. For each destination that becomes the next big thing, additional visitors demand additional infrastructures, and each of those brings their own environmental challenges. From tour buses pumping out exhaust fumes to hotels splashing through millions of gallons of precious water, and sewage systems failing to cope with a suddenly boosted population, every element of the travel industry plays a role in the damage we cause.

But we're not about to stop travelling, neither am I suggesting that we do. Discovering all corners of our exquisite globe is one of the most joyous and fulfilling things I can think of, but we could all be a little bit more mindful when we travel. Just as most of us are slowly becoming more eco-aware at home, we must take that regard for our environment on holiday with us; considering it as important a thing to pack as our passports and wallets. Perhaps if we were all to make a few small changes now, then we'd still be able to offer this world as our gift to future generations.

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MOVE

As islanders it's admittedly difficult for us to cut back on our carbon footprint; if we want to go anywhere further than Plemont then we MUST fly or sail, but once we're off the rock we can afford to be choosier.

Ask yourself if that taxi journey could be done on foot, or by bike? Can the internal flight be swapped for a train? And would you rather admire your resort coastline from a noisy fuel-burning speed boat, or under sail? If all else fails then try to find room in your holiday budget for a carbon offset contribution, or seek out a tree-planting scheme at your destination that would be grateful for a donation.

STAY

Whilst it's very easy not to, and I'm certainly guilty of the same, try to treat your hotel room as if it was you paying the utility bills. Switch off lights, TV and air-con when you leave the room, don't leave the taps running whilst you brush your teeth, and decline changes of towels and bedding until actually necessary. Most of us don't change our sheets every day at home, so why do we expect to have them changed daily when we're on holiday?

If you're weighing up a choice of accommodation, ask for their green credentials before you book and choose the one that's working hardest to offset their energy use.

SHOP

In 2019 most of us are used to toting around a canvas shopping bag and a reusable water bottle on the daily at home - it's just what we do now - so don't forget to pack these items when you head off and cut down on the single-use plastics you need to use abroad.

Keep your food miles to a minimum by sticking to local produce prepared by local chefs where possible (it's usually tastier too, after all) and when it comes to souvenirs and gifts for the folks back home avoid the mass-produced fridge magnets and pick up something unique from a street vendor or local artist. Not only will you be taking home an individual piece, you'll also be directly benefitting the community with your money.

RESEARCH

It's all too easy to grab a guidebook and hit the well-worn tourist trail, taking in the same sights and scenery as those thousands who have gone before. Instead, put in a little time and research before you go and chat to locals when you arrive, to track down the hidden gems and off-map secrets.

Depending on where you're going, it's also worth researching the environmental impact and reputation of any tours or trips you plan to book, particularly when it comes to observing wildlife. Sadly there are many, many shady operators the world over who will gladly take your money at the expense of the animals and habitats around them. I've fallen into that trap myself and it's a mistake I won't make again.

RESPECT

Above all, no matter where you travel or why, respect the locals, the environment and yourself, and you won't go far wrong.

Happy Travels!

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Words Olivia Hansen Illustration Russ Atkinson

Living in Jersey means that travelling on and off of the island normally involves a plane. While this is extremely convenient, it also means that we have an ever-increasing carbon footprint. With the rise of conscious travel erupting in today's climate, people are deciding to take alternative forms of transport in an attempt to travel with minimal emissions.

Travel has now become one of the biggest industries in the world, and as disposable income increases, the ability to travel is now accessible to almost everyone living in Jersey. It is rather amazing that we can travel to the opposite side of the world in a 24 hour period, and at a fraction of the price than when our parents were our age. The International Air Transport Association has released figures that have predicted 2019 will be another record-breaking year for air travel, with passengers expected to fly a total of 8,100 km, an increase of 5% from last year and more than 300% since 1990. Has travel become too affordable? Do we actually care about how our travel is contributing to the increasing carbon emissions that are affecting the planet?

2019 has felt like the year of sustainability. Not just for myself, but it is obvious to see; people are using more re-usable bags, more metal straws, we are consciously investing in slow fashion rather than fast fashion. School children were actively involved in organising rallies and protests to protect the environment. Greta Thunberg, the 16 year old climate activist made a stand against aviation by deciding to sail from Plymouth to New York for the UN climate conference in a zero emissions yacht. This was a powerful move towards highlighting the impact the aviation industry and the detrimental affects it has on the climate. As the conversation for climate heats up, how realistic is this idea?

This summer a group of my friends and I went to the south of France for a holiday, and surprisingly we decided not to fly. We chose to split the cost of the journey between 5 of us, as it was cheaper to drive than fly. We embarked on a 14 hour drive from London to Marseille (thats what our sat nav predicted, but in reality it took 17 hours, not including the Euro-tunnel train.) Unintentionally, we had decided upon the more eco-friendly option of travel, as well as the best financial option.

On my return home I found out about EcoPassenger, a fantastic website that compares the energy consumption for your desired journey, whether it be by plane, train or car. Where, it allows you to see the most eco-friendly mode of transport. According to the website, my trip from London to Marseille can be done with lower emissions per passenger by plane, if the plane is full, and if the car is carrying just one person. However, as we were a full car, this changes things completely and instead the car wins out over the plane. Although, driving this distance was hard work, it was worth in terms of both savings and carbon emissions.

In a recent article, The Guardian commented on the fact that 'flight shaming is taking off', and how it 'encourages the feeling of being embarrassed or ashamed to take the plane because of the environmental impact'. But, as an islander, it is very difficult to commit to taking the ferry every time I need to travel to and from Jersey. However, we are constantly being reminded that these are alternative modes of transport which can help us avoid using planes, and therefore lowering our carbon emissions.

There are obviously logistical problems to not flying. Is it realistic for a family of 4 with young kids, to manage a 17 hour-long drive or train journey? Maybe not, but this is a decision that more and more families are deciding to make. Instead of venturing to the other side of the world, explore what is on your doorstep. This might mean that a family's annual holiday might be spent in France instead of Croatia.

N MY RETURN HOME I FOUND OUT ABOUT ECOPASSENGER, A FANTASTIC WEBSITE THAT COMPARES THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION FOR YOUR DESIRED JOURNEY, WHETHER IT BE BY PLANE, TRAIN OR CAR

All of this being said, I am a big believer in what travel can do for one's outlook on life, so I won't be giving up on it anytime soon. However, what I will do is look at how I can alter some of my choices. For example, taking one big trip a year is more sustainable than taking 5 small ones. Taking the ferry, catching trains and driving is an amazing way to play your part in lowering your annual carbon footprint. We are being told to act fast in the fight again climate change, however, is it impossible to pull out of flying altogether, with a younger generation having come to take affordable travel experiences for granted?

What we should be doing is re-thinking how we travel if we are serious about helping the future of the climate.



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COMMUNITY EVENT Wildlife and Wellness Walk - St Peter's Valley

Why not take a break away from the stresses of Christmas and join Neil and Alli for a winter woodland walk. There's still plenty of wildlife around at this time of year. With the leaves now fallen, the woodland is a great place to watch the birds and lookout for the wildflowers, both of which are already starting to think about spring! Meet at 10:00 for a 10:15 start. Park at Quetevil Mill car park.

Quetivil Mill Car Park 20th December, FREE

EXHIBITION Nicole Farhi: Life and Limb

An exhibition of sculpture by Nicole Farhi, legendary designer and artist. Nicole has made studies of the body, focussing on the hands in movement such as dancing and playing a musical instrument, as well as observing the details and folds of the body. All work is for sale. The exhibition has been generously sponsored by UBS.

CCA Galleries International

28th November - 31st January, FREE





PERFORMANCE The Outside Track

The Outside Track return to Jersey Arts Centre with their stunning synthesis of virtuosity and energy. Their marriage of Canadian, Scottish and Irish music and song has been rapturously received around the world. Hailing from Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton and Vancouver, its five members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music on its foundation. Using fiddle, accordion, harp, guitar, flute, step-dance and vocals these five virtuosos blend boundless energy with unmistakable joie de vivre. Tickets available at www.artscentre.je.

Jersey Arts Centre

25th January, Tickets £15.30 - £18.00



PERFORMANCE The Rat Pack at Christmas

Back by popular demand and following sellout performances across the globe, The Definitive Rat Pack brings you an evening of festive classics, including White Christmas, Baby It's Cold Outside, The Christmas Song and Let It Snow, plus all-time favourites including I've Got You Under My Skin, That's Amore, Mr Bojangles and New York, New York. What better way to get into the festive spirit! Featuring Dean Martin's sensational Golddiggers and the internationally-renowned Manhattan Swing Orchestra, this is one Christmas party not to miss! VIP tickets available and include a premium seat, postshow reception, glass of bubbles and souvenir programme. All tickets available via www. jerseyoperahouse.co.uk.

Jersey Opera House

12th December, Tickets £22.50 - £50.00

CONCERT

Jersey Symphony Orchestra - Christmas Concert

An evening of fabulous music performed by the Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Morley and led by Martin Smith. The soloist will be Rob Burton, winner of the Woodwind Category of the BBC's Young Musician of 2018. Beaulieu Convent School Chamber Choir directed by Gitte-Maj Donoghue will be joining the orchestra. Tickets available from www.jso.org.uk.

Fort Regent

15th December, Tickets £7.50 - £30.00

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PARADE Battle of Flowers Christmas Parade

A delightful Christmas spectacle with many floats forming a colourful procession through the streets of St. Helier. The floats are festooned with twinkling lights and the performers both on and off the floats, many of them in seasonal costume, help the spectators get into the Christmas spirit.

Town Centre

8th December, FREE

EXHIBITION A Magical Christmas at The Harbour Gallery

This Christmas exhibition features the work of over 40 local artists working in many different mediums to include painting, prints, ceramics, 3D, jewellery, textiles, glass, woodwork and mixed media. Find the special teddy bears hidden around the gallery every weekend throughout December! Exhibition continues 7 days a week until Sunday 05 January.

The Harbour Gallery

14th November - 5th January, FREE





COMMUNITY EVENT Wassailing at Hamptonne

This winter-warming community event celebrates the orchard of Hamptonne with a Wassail, encouraging a good crop of apples in the Autumn ready for the Cider festival. Crown the King and Queen of the Wassail, dance with the Jersey Lilies and enjoy bread, cheese and a glass of warm cider together. If you would like to join the merriment, please contact Hamptonne direct to book your place. This event is free for Jersey Heritage Members.

Hamptonne Country Life Museum

12th January





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THE A-Z OF CLIMATE **CHANGE**

Climate change is big. So big, in fact, that sometimes it can be hard to grasp. Hearing stories of floods and heatwaves far removed from our little island inspire feelings of pity and powerlessness against a problem too large to be handled in the abstract. It's time to bring it home, and take a closer look at the everyday things that climate change is threatening. This A-Z is a wakeup call of what we and our children stand to lose if we don't get off our collective a**es and take action.

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AVOCADOS

Could avocados soon be toast? Excuse the pun, but the reality is that climate change might be digging the delicacy an early grave. Freak weather patterns in California and Australia have been putting crops of the slowgrowing, temperature-sensitive fruit under stress. Soon, milder winters and water shortages could prove fatal to reliable global avocado production, leaving us potentially brunchless in the next fifty years. PS, importing avocados from overseas is also pretty bad for the planet: try to shop locally wherever possible.



BEES

We've all heard it - the bees are disappearing - but here's why we should care. From almonds and vanilla and apples to squashes, bees are crucial for the successful production of innumerable foods, pollinating one third of our global food supply. But in 2018, US beekeepers reported an astonishing 33% increase in death rate of their honeybees, coinciding with a year of abnormal temperature patterns and freak storms. Scientists who tested bee survival rates in temperatures projected for the second half of the century found exactly the same thing: a 35% death rate, compared with 2% in the control group, as the bees struggled to cope with warmer temperatures. Learn how to help our furry friends at sos-bees.org.



COFFEE

Chances are you're reading this article in a coffee shop, so if you want to keep sitting there in years to come, listen up: over 60% of coffee is at risk of extinction, and it's mostly climate change that's causing it. Changes in rainfall, beanloving fungi and spreading pest problems are threatening coffee crops and pushing many small coffee producers out of business. Experts predict that, at the current rates of climate change, the time isn't far off when a daily cup of good-quality coffee will be an unaffordable luxury for the majority of consumers. Help keep coffee alive by supporting FairTrade: fairtrade.org.uk.

DEEP SEA CREATURES

They might seem like outer space to us, but even the deepest realms of the oceans are growing warmer and more acidic, threatening their under-studied and vitally important biodiversity. The combined effects of fishing, mining and drilling, and our persistent habit of littering the oceans will leave less than half of the current food supply available to denizens of the deep sea by 2100. And horrifyingly, a recent expedition to the Mariana Trench, ten kilometres below the ocean's surface, found microplastics in the digestive system of every single creature sampled. Check what you're putting into the ocean at beatthemicrobead.org.



E ECONOMY

Don't switch off: climate change is likely to wreak havoc on global economies and threaten over a billion jobs. Stanford economists calculate that if the world warms by 4 degrees over the next 80 years - a fate it's currently on track for, if human behavior doesn't change - then global GDP will drop by over 30%, beating records set by the Great Depression. Except this time, it'll be permanent. Even if we only keep warming to 1.5 degrees C, the resultant extreme weather will still cost us 54 trillion dollars in global damages, so it's more vital than ever that we keep warming below this limit. Find out which banks are doing their bit against global warming at ran.org/ bankingonclimatechange2019.

FLOWERS

The most important relationship in a flower's life is that with its pollinator: so what happens when that relationship falls out of sync? Research analysing flower bloom-times all the way back to 1848 reveals that rising temperatures are prompting bees to start their search for flowers to pollinate before the flowers have had a chance to bloom, reducing the chances of the flower's reproduction. Not only might this mean fewer flowers to brighten our environment but could also spell seriously bad news for crops, three-quarters of which rely on creatures to pollinate them. Learn more at bee-safe.eu.

GARDENING

It's more doom and gloom for plants, as climate change comes to a back yard near you! Gardens that used to have to wait until the spring to see the sunshine of blooming daffodils are now seeing the flowers rear their heads as early as November; warming temperatures mean that brightly coloured flowers can now be grown in many parts of the UK throughout winter. As nice as this sounds, warmer temperatures also allow pests and fungi that would usually have been killed off by frosts to thrive, which is particularly bad news for those who like to grow edible plants and crops. Combat climate change at myclimatechangegarden.com.

HALLOWEEN

Sorry kids (and adults) – Halloween as we know it may soon be a thing of the past. We might have to get used to trick or treating without some of the treats, as climate change seriously threatens the areas of West Africa that produce the world's cacao, putting chocolate production at risk. In 2015, record-breaking rains in America's pumpkin heartland (Illinois) cut pumpkin yields in half. And bats, not only a cherished symbol of Halloween but also one of the most effective pest-controlling species out there, are losing their lives and homes thanks to climate change-related disease and habitat destruction. Support them by visiting jerseybatgroup.org.

THE INTERNET

If this one doesn't strike dread into your heart, nothing will - indeed, the very Internet is at risk. A large amount of Internet infrastructure like cables and power stations was built decades ago near coastlines, by planners unaware of the threat posed by rapid sea level rise, and much of it was never designed



to be permanently underwater. Major US cities like New York are projected to see up to 12 inches of extra water within 10 years, landing 20% of infrastructure straight in the drink. Better get Tweeting now while you still can. Get more info at climateforesight.eu.

JOBS

It's hard to expect people to keep working as usual when they're under threat of flood or famine. The more frequent extreme weather events become, the less job security there is for those in their line of fire: in 2013, when Typhoon Haidan hit the Philippines, 800,000 workers' sources of financial security were damaged or destroyed overnight. By supporting renewable energy, public transport, and other local climate-friendly initatives, we are helping to save the jobs of those in lower-income countries whose livelihoods are most defenseless. Check out what's happening locally at gov.je.

KELP

This one might cause you to raise an eyebrow or two...but kelp does more than give your feet a slimy welcome to the sea. As a whole, marine plants produce up to 80% of the world's oxygen. And kelp forests, vital parts of underwater ecosystems across the world, absorb an enormous amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in order to grow, making them key to combating global warming. But the warmer our oceans become, the more kelp forests begin to wilt and disappear. Without the protection of the forests, other vulnerable creatures in the local ecosystem die out as well, until these watery forests become deserts. Lend your voice to the Scottish project @SaveKelp on Twitter.

__ LANGUAGES

Only half of the 7,000 languages spoken around the world today are expected to make it out of this century - and climate change will take part of the blame. Many of the most endangered tongues, like the dozens of Sulawesi languages in Indonesia, are spoken by communities on the shorelines of the planet, whose livelihoods and homes are at this point more likely than not to be lost to encroaching sea levels over the next one hundred years. As climate change refugees, these peoples will have to assimilate for survival, in the process leaving much of the rich diversity of their native languages behind them. You can learn endangered languages like Hawaiian and Navajo on the free Duolingo app.

NILE RIVER

The famous Egyptian river we all learned about in primary school is in trouble. The annual flooding of the Nile, studied by humans since Biblical times, has been the key to successful farming of the region's crops for thousands of years. But thanks to climate change, it looks like the river's becoming unpredictable, delivering more years of serious drought even as its floods become more devastating. With almost a billion local residents expected by 2050, this will have an untold impact on food security and safety. Visit climatetracker.org to learn more.



ORCHARDS

Fruit trees, with their delicate blossoms and vulnerability to cold, are among those most threatened by changing weather. From Japan to Tunisia, warmer winters are bringing forth fruits and nuts earlier and often stunting their growth. As pests multiply and pollinators decrease, the idyllic apple orchards of our childhoods could be nothing more than a fairy tale for our greatgrandchildren. Visit ptes.org to find out how to protect your local land.

MIGRATION

Climate change is pushing both animals and people out of their homes in search of better living conditions. As intense storms and declining food supplies threaten the safe journeys of migrating birds, climate change has been shown to influence mass migration of humans too. It's possible that, by 2050, 200 million 'environmental migrants' who have been forced away from their homeland by weather changes and their consequences will be stuck seeking new places to live. Get to grips with the situation at environmentalmigration. iom.int.

PEACE

In this country we're lucky enough to be living through one of the longest periods of peacetime that our society has ever seen: yet elsewhere the likelihood of violent conflict is being steadily pushed higher by the effects of climate change. As underlying stresses like lack of food and water or safe housing are made worse by ever more unpredictable weather, tensions within and between countries push them towards war: a fate that's not beyond the realms of possibility for us. Get the lowdown at newclimateforpeace.org.



QUARTER-POUNDERS

Unlike the other things on this list, the humble quarter-pounder - and red meat in general - is something that we probably want to be losing. The astonishing truth is that meat production worldwide creates the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions as do the whole world's fleet of planes, trucks and cars. In fact, science suggests that the single most impactful thing that a person can do by themselves to fight climate change is to give up red meat. Give it a go with chooseveg.org.

REINDEER

Imagine a Christmas without Donner and Blitzen: it's what the world might have to face, as Arctic reindeer populations continue to crash. As atmospheric warming turns snow to rain, reindeers' food becomes frozen under layers of water, leaving the animals hungry, weak and vulnerable to disease. Their next challenge is the insects; encouraged by the warmer weather, they swarm reindeer, who waste their precious energy trying to hide. This increasingly inhospitable environment has slashed reindeer numbers in half in the last twenty years. Make a kid's (or an adult's) Christmas: search "adopt a reindeer" online.



Two years ago, when Inuit elders living in the Arctic tried to tell the world that the moon and the stars had changed position, most dismissed the claims as nonsense. But scientists studying the Arctic's atmosphere made a startling discovery verifying what the Inuit had seen. Although the stars in reality were in the same place, rapidly warming air above the surface of the Inuit's homeland was causing an optical illusion so strong that light from the sun, moon and stars was being refracted, making it seem as if the celestial bodies had shifted. Even though we're not at risk of losing the stars any time soon, more proof is hardly needed of how drastically we are now changing our world. Read more perspectives like this at skepticalscience.com.

TEA

First coffee now this... sorry to break it to you, but the nation's two favourite hot beverages (probably) are at



risk. Tea is another seriously sensitive plant, and flash flooding mixed with ferocious droughts aren't helping. Not only does this decrease yields, it also compromises taste: too much water means diluted flavor, fewer antioxidants and less caffeine. Look for the FairTrade symbol on your tea.

UNIVERSITY

More than a few students fantasise about dropping out of their university courses to pursue an (even) more hedonistic lifestyle, but maybe their refrains of "there's no point" ... have a point. Will we be able to continue our current life cycle of studying, working and raising a family in peace if the climate is disrupted? Many students think not - just look at the current wave of teenage climate protestors out in force in the streets of the world every Friday, led by Greta Thunberg. In the absence of a stable climate the logic runs - social structures won't take long to unravel, so why study for a future you won't be able to enjoy? Visit greenmetric.ui.ac.id to see the world's universities ranked by sustainability.

VINEYARDS

At this point you might well he wondering what will be left for us to drink in fifty years' time. good news is that wine will still be around; the



not-so-good news is that it'll probably taste very different. Grapes in vineyards across the wine-producing regions of the world are starting to swell with sugar (aka future alcohol post-fermentation) much earlier than they used to, thanks to record-breaking heat. This means that in order to keep making wines that won't knock drinkers out with their alcoholic force, grapes have to be harvested earlier too, sacrificing quality and complexity. As the Californian wine producer Randall Grahm eloquently puts it, "It's f***ed." Winefolly.com has more details... if you really want to know.

WATER

The sea levels might be rising, but clean water (uncontaminated by salt or groundwater) is getting harder to find. In the words of the CEO of the UK-based organization Water Disclosure Project, Paul Dickinson: "If climate change is the shark, then water is its teeth". With human lives depending on it, a lack of drinkable water in an area hit by droughts or flooding is often the first catalyst for an

outbreak of civil unrest or even war, as well as potentially creating thousands of refugees. On top of that, less water means fewer crops, fewer sanitation services and more outbreaks of disease. Visit charitywater.org to support clean water worldwide.

AXOLOTLS (!)

Okay, it's an alphabetical stretch, but these bizarre and delightful amphibious creatures, known for their incredible ability to regenerate limbs and even brains, are on their last legs. Despite being known as 'the water monster' in their native Mexico, axolotls might in fact be saviours for scientific research. Studying how they are able to regrow parts of their bodies that have been lost to injury could one day prove life-changing for the millions of amputees across the world: yet climate change is driving the loss of axolotls' habitats in the rivers and lakes of Mexico. Familiarise yourself with these fascinating beings at axolotl.org and support conservation efforts at worldlandtrust.org.

YOSEMITE

Yosemite National Park in California is high on most nature-loving travellers' bucket lists, but even its thousand-vear-old sequoia trees, perhaps the largest living things on the planet, aren't being spared by the changing climate. Rising temperatures have triggered catastrophic fires along America's West Coast in recent years and are pushing small plants and mammals out of their normal environments and into unfamiliar, cooler territory. At this rate - specifically, an increase in temperature of up to 9oC in the most vulnerable national parks by 2100 - we could be seeing mass extinctions of creatures who just can't cope with such rapid change. Scope out eco-friendly travel options at verdemode.com.



Few among us wouldn't count visits to the zoo as among the highlights of our childhood (and adulthood, for that matter): but as our world enters a sixth mass extinction in full force, we leave fewer and fewer creatures to conserve. Many zoos cause little else but harm to the animals they are supposed to protect, cruelly damaging the future of their species perhaps permanently, while places like Durrell Wildlife - who seek to do the best for endangered animals - are feeling the pressure as ever more species face oblivion. Visit durrell.org to find out how you can support effective conservation.













The Gift Of Entertainment

There's always something quite enchanting about this time of the year... Christmas is for indulgence, so why not to treat the loved ones with a little bit of entertainment?

Jingle all the way to the perfect Christmas as the 'Classical Crossover Sensation Ida sing the most magical songs from the movies and musicals, pop-opera favourites and heartwarming Christmas classics. Straight from the West End, Classic Brit Award Nominees Ida are proudly brought to you by Jersey's very own Soprano Georgi Mottram. Featuring local choirs and special guests to raise money towards the Jersey Opera House backstage refurbishment.

Join The Definitive Rat Pack and listen to festive classics, including White Christmas, Baby It's Cold Outside, The Christmas Song and Let It Snow, plus all-time favourites including I've Got You Under My Skin, That's Amore, Mr Bojangles and New York, New York.

In the midst of buying gifts for friends, family members and co-workers you may have forgotten to pick up a little something for yourself. Have a glass of bubbles at a post-show reception with incredible IDA or the Definitive Rat Pack by purchasing VIP tickets.

"In the midst of buying gifts for friends, family members and co-workers you may have forgotten to pick up a little something for yourself." Kick off the New Year together in style with the most wonderful music from the birthday boy – the King of Waltz, André Rieu. 70 YEARS YOUNG is André Rieu's ultimate concert screening, featuring musical highlights chosen by the maestro himself from his illustrious career so far.

Enjoy the thrilling tales from a modern day explorer. Let yourself be taken on an inspiring journey with 'a wholesome, ethical, environmental adventurer' Ben Fogle. The much-loved TV adventurer will recount, with warmth and honesty, his thrilling tales.

Do you remember one of the most flamboyant and charismatic stars of the original glam rock era? If you would like to know exactly what a Marc Bolan & T.Rex concert was like in the 1970s, then you should book your tickets to see T.Rextasy – awarded the accolade of 'The Best Live Tribute Band in the UK' by BBC1 TV. The Greatest Hits Tour is truly a rock'n'roll concert for all ages!

Who would Believe that Cher's breathtaking career spans six decades?! Would you turn back time to celebrate the Goddess of Pop? Experience the ultimate tribute to Cher with dazzling costume changes, outstanding musicianship, a spectacular production and relive the Cher songbook including I Got You Babe, Gypsys, Tramps & Thieves, Just Like Jesse James, If I Could Turn Back Time, Walking in Memphis, Strong Enough, Believe, songs from Mamma Mia and her new album Dancing Queen.

To book, please visit jerseyoperahouse.co.uk or phone Box Office on (01534) 511 115.

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A group of local mums have proudly united to face their insecurities in a bid to end unrealistic expectations of postpartum bodies.

> The photography campaign, led by practicing midwife May Bourne and photographer Sophie Darwin, has gained increasing media traction since its inception a few weeks ago, receiving immense praise for their raw, unapologetic and realistic approach.

May is also the founder of Positive Birth Jersey, a brand that she has built to enable local women to access a variety of modern, fun and inspiring antenatal and postnatal education courses. Sophie is a successful and well-known local photographer, specialising in birth, maternity, family and newborn photography. Together they discovered they held the same beliefs in empowering women from all walks of life to embrace the physiological and emotional changes that occur during pregnancy, birth and motherhood.

The campaign, sponsored by Close Finance, features 25 real mothers and their babies — scars, stretch marks, bumps and all.

"We want the campaign to celebrate the beauty of post-birth bodies, normalise different shapes and sizes of women, spark conversation and most importantly help women feel confident and proud of their post-baby bodies," says May. "We hope the images by Sophie will depict the raw and incredibly emotional experience of birth and motherhood. The aim is for mums of all shapes and sizes to be able to identify with these photos in one way or another, and to feel more confident with their 'imperfections' - offering a different view to images we see portrayed on social media."

Sophie, who is a mum to two small children herself, said; "The campaign is very close to my heart, with mums often feeling like they're expected to 'snap back' and feeling ashamed for the changes that have occurred during pregnancy or childbirth. At the heart of our campaign is the belief that all mums and women are beautiful - after all, their bodies have just performed a miracle!'

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The postpartum body positivity campaign, named MOTHERHOOD, will be shared online and an exhibition will take place in The Berni Gallery, Arts Centre, between 23 March and 4 April next year. Keep an eye on Positive Birth Jersey and Sophie Darwin Photography Facebook and Instagram accounts for updates.

◆"I'm not only a breast cancer survivor but I'm also a mother. Although my body is not 'perfect', it has been through so much and I am in awe of what it has achieved. It's okay that my boobs are different sizes, it's ok that I have a few extra fat rolls and it's ok that I have a few extra scars on my body, because all of these show the world what I have been through and what my body has been able to achieve. I hope that one day, my son will look at these images and feel proud of his mum."



▲ "I've put weight on, lost my fitness, gained stretch marks and a C-section scar, but I'm proud of my body. It has grown and birthed a baby and that's pretty damn amazing!"



▲ "When I see myself I don't see the same person. We live in a world where society is obsessed with perfection and it has such a negative effect. I'm so proud to say I am a mother and I bear the scars and lumps."



"I'm working on accepting my new shape and learning to be proud of the changes in my body because they reflect the miracles it has performed."

¶ "We get so caught up worrying about what
we look like that we forget what an incredible
thing our bodies have done! I want other
mums to know that it's okay not to feel okay
with their bodies during and after pregnancy,
but every mark, roll and wobbly bit is there
because you've done something amazing that's
worth celebrating."



▲ "My body has totally changed and with it comes a deep sense of shame, guilt and embarrassment. I don't want my children to feel this way about their bodies. We need to show them the realities of a woman's body and that we have nothing to be ashamed of. We should be proud."



















As winter draws in, the short days, long nights and colder weather can make it feel a lot less tempting to venture outside and socialise.

If you're an elderly Islander this probably rings particularly true with many over 65s on the Island saying that they don't like to go out at night or don't have means of transport to do so. Many of these Islanders also live on their own meaning that opportunities to get out and about and engage with other people can be few and far between.

That's why ArtHouse Jersey has launched 'Cake and Cabaret,' a new initiative that aims to enable easier access to high quality entertainment for older Islanders, providing them with the chance to have fun and socialise $% \left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left(1$ in a welcoming environment while enjoying a professionally produced show.

The inaugural event took place this October at St. Clement Parish Hall, filling the venue with music and entertainment from Hannah Campbell with the Optimistic Voices & friends, and a performance by aerial artist Hayley Wray. Whilst enjoying the performances, guests tucked into a tasty cabaret-themed tea provided by Erika Marshall of Auntie Carrot's Vintage Teas.

Attendees from St. Clement were quick to praise the event saving "This is so wonderful, I haven't seen the Parish Hall look so smart before" ... "It has been varied and amazing throughout, we are so lucky to live in St Clement."

Cake and Cabaret will go on to tour the parishes in 2020, aiming to bring high quality entertainment to older islanders who may not otherwise have the opportunity to see a show of this calibre. As one St. Clement resident said: "None of us drive anymore, we can't get out unless someone takes us - so this is amazing."

Cake and Cabaret will always be held in the afternoon at local venues, meaning that older Islanders who don't like to go out at night or don't have transport will be able to participate. Volunteers will help to bring people to and from the Parish Halls - and to serve the many cups of tea required to satisfy thirsty guests!

With Jersey's ageing population growing proportionally larger, initiatives which address their welfare should be of importance to the whole community. Cake & Cabaret has, it seems, already made a meaningful difference to the lives of elderly St. Clement residents with one attendee saying "It's so nice to have something to look forward to other than watching tv on your own." The daughter of another attendee said "Thank you for giving my mother and other guests such a fabulous afternoon. She danced and danced and has not stopped talking about how wonderful it was."

Paul Simmonds, Manager at Age Concern Jersey said "We are delighted to be involved in this great initiative to bring fun and entertainment to the older people of Jersey. Social interaction is key to providing mental stimulation, which in turn will help to alleviate loneliness and depression. Regular events across the Island are certainly needed in order to reach out to many older people who are not connected to the wider community.'

These events also provide a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to volunteer, give something back and engage with their local community.

If you or a friend or relative would be interested in attending a Cake & Cabaret event, or would like to find out about volunteering opportunities as part of the initiative, please get in touch with your local parish hall.

Cake and Cabaret has been made possible with the kind support of the One Foundation.

ArtHouse Jersey is a local charity that believes in the power of art to deliver transformational change. Cake & Cabaret is just one project that sets out to make a difference in our local community through the delivery of high-quality art.

For more information about this and other ArtHouse Jersey projects visit arthouse.je





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CLAIRE HAITHWAITE

Haithwaite Ceramics

How did it all get going?

I studied art at Kingston, London, followed by Graphics at Falmouth College of Art in Cornwall. I then worked in London and Amsterdam for 20 years as a designer and interior designer.

A few years ago I was given a one-day pottery course at Highlands Adult College for my birthday. I hadn't really done any pottery before. One class and I was absolutely hooked and immediately enrolled in a weekly course. Having shared some examples of my work with some friends, I was asked to exhibit my work in an exhibition at the Harbour gallery. That's when it all changed. It was a very exciting moment, ceramics went from being a hobby to something much more.

What do you produce?

I create mostly utilitarian ware such as bowls, vases, salt pinch pots to even honey pots.

What's your style?

I'm inspired by the Scandinavian aesthetic and Japanese simplicity. Also by the works of the Cornish ceramicist Bernard Leech. My pieces have an earthy, tactile nature. I mostly use crisp whites and classic navy blue glazes. With this and simple clean lines, I feel it makes the pots contemporary.

What makes your products unique?

Jersey clay is at the heart of what I do. I was lucky to come across some clay whilst walking at low tide on the beach and as I was studying pottery at Highlands, I decided to see if I could make something from it. Two years later, after a lot of trial and error on the processing, working with the clay and even the firing, I have now mastered it (most of the time). I've experienced the odd explosion too.

Best bit of your job?

Ultimately it comes down to the end result of my labour. So when you open up that kiln after the final 24-hour firing, and peek inside to see all those special pots waiting there, looking all lovely, shiny and perfect. That's just the best feeling. It's like Christmas every time. Each and every one is my baby. A close second is when somebody decides to buy one of my pots. I am always very grateful and flattered that people value a particular piece. For me that makes it all worthwhile.



Photography:
Danny Evans

Where do you work?

I work from my beautiful pottery 'She shed' in my garden in Grouville.

What's something people might not know about your products?

Half of my time on each piece is actually processing the clay from the gritty sandy slop to lovely workable clay. Every piece has a beautiful base, it adds a 'high end' feel to the piece. I feel that if you are working with 'clay gold' it should be finished in a quality way.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am working on making lots of pieces for the Christmas markets.

Where can people buy your products?

People can buy my products at the Genuine Jersey 'Simply Christmas' market in the Royal Square, (5th - 8th December), and the Jersey Museum Victorian Christmas market, (November 30th - 1st December). You could also contact me directly on 07797730267.

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CATHRYN WARD

Skaapie

How did it all get going?

I started Skaapie after my first daughter was born whilst living in South Africa. I had given up full-time work in the finance industry and I met a felt-designer in a mom & toddler group I was attending who introduced me to the world of felting. After attending a few workshops with her I was hooked. I made some items as gifts, then got a few orders as a result of this, then attended a local farmers market and it all grew from there. Before long I had my products in shops throughout South Africa and was featured in designer magazines such as Elle decoration. I taught a few ladies how to felt and sew to help with the demand, and after running Skaapie for 5 years in Cape Town, I moved to Jersey. I've now been back in Jersey for 7 years and run a much smaller operation as a one woman team, but I love it too much to give up.

What do you produce?

I produce a wide range of products all made from merino wool and silk or cotton fabrics, using mainly wet-felting techniques such as nuno felting and a little bit of needle-felting. I dye my own felt too and mostly hand-sew my patterns. I am mostly known for my range of fun, colourful and quirky children's toys and room decor, as well as baby-mobiles and accessories, but I also make home furnishings such a throws, cushions and rugs, as well as scarves and wearable art. I also make bespoke heirloom advent calendars.

What's your style?

This can vary from whimsical, playful and quirky and yet also have a range that is more contemporary or transitional.

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What makes your products unique?

My products all start with raw wool tops and an idea in my head and they develop into what they are through the processes I use; felting, dyeing, designing the patterns, then sewing. The result is always unpredictable, so no two are ever exactly the same but if I can draw it, I can create it.

Best bit of your job?

Being creative, but also having the freedom to work in cycles, working harder when feeling inspired/creative and being less productive or even taking time-out during uninspired times which we all experience. I like to honour that process and it seems to work for me.

What are you working on at the moment?

Christmas orders as well as stock for upcoming Christmas fairs.

Where can people buy your products?

Email me at cathrynward@gmail.com or call 07797934930. I'm also on Instagram skaapie_handmade and Facebook. I will be at Jane James Handmade Christmas Fair 23rd - 24th November and Simply Christmas in the Royal square 5-8th December.



Greatest gifts

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Words Lorna Jackson 1st BSc (Hons) MBAcC AFN.

Looking to treat a loved one but stuck for the perfect gift idea? Why not try something a little unique with a tailor-made gift voucher.

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Acupuncture – The insertion of ultra-fine, single use sterile needles into specific acupuncture points on the body. This frees up the normal flow of blood, energy and nutrients by releasing myofascial and musculoskeletal constrictions and flooding pain-relieving endorphins into your bloodstream. From sports, to pain management to stress relief and pregnancy, acupuncture can provide a safe, effective way to maintain good health naturally.

Pregnancy Acupressure Classes – During this class you will learn natural pain relief and relaxation techniques for childbirth. This can be a great way to encourage partner involvement and provide you with an extra set of tools to complement your birth plan.



Cupping - Involves negative pressure and suction within a glass, bamboo or silicone cup. By creating a vacuum within the cup it lifts the skin and releases soft tissue rather than the tissue compression you have during a massage. Some of the techniques involve:

Static cupping – can be used over a joint or trigger point to encourage blood flow to the area and promote soft tissue release.

Sliding cupping – massage oil is placed over an injured site and the cups are slide to further promote the lift and release of softs tissue, energy and blood flow.

Massage treatments - Tui-na (Chinese massage), Swedish / Deep tissue massage, Reflexology and Acupressure.

For more info visit: www.healthpointclinic.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE SIMPLE AT WWW.GIFTS.JE

It may be the season to drink, be merry and subsist entirely on cheese and mince pies, but it's also the season of long queues at the post office, increasingly frenzied tracking of parcels, and panics that your much-thought-about Christmas gifts won't arrive in time... at least it was until now.

Harriet and Rose is Jersey's first online-only gift shop and gift-finder service, enabling you to shop 24/7 from the comfort of your sofa or desk, safe in the knowledge that all their stock is here already in the island.

Their website, www.gifts.je, has an array of thoughtful, ethically-sourced presents available to collect or have delivered next day (they even offer Saturday delivery). From jewellery, to stationery; ceramics to tide clocks, they've got everything you could possibly need to make gifting not only simple, but stress-free this Christmas.

With prices starting at £5.00 they are the perfect place to go for those little gifts as well as larger presents.

And just in case you've left it to the last minute, you can send them a budget and the details of who you are shopping for, and they'll source, wrap, and deliver the contents of all those smaller presents too. If you've opted for gift-wrapping you'll get a full breakdown of what's been prepared so that it only comes as a surprise to the recipient not you as well!

Christmas shopping in Jersey just became a lot less stressful.

Last order date for pre-christmas deliveries is midnight 21st December

















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The Smile You Deserve

At @Smile Dental Clinic, there is a dentist for everyone. With a team of highly skilled practitioners, each with their own individual specialties, experiences and backgrounds, the clinic pride themselves on being able to offer tailored solutions to their clients, with a dentist that is the right fit.

Louise Brownlow is one of the highly competent dentists at @Smile. Having trained at King's College London and graduating in 2013, Louise has undertaken a range of postgraduate training, specialising predominantly in restorative and aesthetic dentistry and periodontitis (gum disease).

"I built up my dental skills as a general practitioner in the UK before I met my husband (from Jersey) at a wedding in Cornwall," says Louise. "I moved to Jersey to be with him and have been at @Smile now for four years. It's such a wonderful group to be part of."

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[6] Glen Perotte

Since living here, Louise has fallen in love with the Jersey way of life and can often be found enjoying the outdoors with her two stepsons and daughter. However, after falling critically ill having given birth to her daughter last year, Louise was flown to London for an emergency liver transplant, giving her a greater perspective on some of the fears associated with medical treatments.

"After being given a second chance at life and as someone who has been through a great deal of trauma over the past couple of years, I can understand what it can be like for patients with fear of dental treatment. From experience, it doesn't necessarily always get easier, but I've learnt that in time, it gets a little easier. You learn to accept that sometimes procedures need to be done for the good of your health and happiness. Putting off needed treatment only leads to one thing: more dental treatment. Dental problems rarely resolve themselves, they may go dormant for a while, but they have a tendency of popping back up when you don't want them to!"

As well as routine dentistry, Louise practices minimally invasive cosmetic dentistry. Teeth are aligned to be straighter, whitened to remove staining, or subtly reshaped, all the while preserving as much of the natural tooth as possible.

"Often I have patients with one or two small gaps, or that are slightly out of position, and are wanting something more instant than braces. The 'Mini Smile Makeover' is a minimally invasive way of using composite filling material to give patients an improved smile in as little as one or two appointments, without breaking the bank."

Louise also has a keen interest and enhanced training in a type of gum disease called Periodontitis. Often patients with this disease don't even know they have it, as it is usually painless. Untreated, it can result in abscesses, bone loss, wobbly teeth and even tooth loss.

"We all spit blood from time to time when we brush, but it can be a sign of a more complex disease," says Louise. "It's a lot more common "People often underestimate the importance of their dental health. There are strong links between poor dental health and general health, and also with self-confidence. At @Smile, we always aim to remove these barriers to get the smile you deserve."

than people think and is more treatable the earlier it's found. All it takes is a quick painless screening at a checkup to test for it, and then if found, I focus on a programme with treatment for patients to follow."

Above all, Louise's main priority is to ensure that her patients are at ease during their appointments by getting to know each patient individually, as well as their needs and concerns.

"I enjoy having a laugh with a lot of my patients and I'm really laid back. Some like to listen to music, either through headphones or the radio in my room, and others are subjected to my terrible singing or whistling when I'm concentrating! I often see people at their most vulnerable and I'm always happy to listen to patients concerns and needs over anything else. For patients with more severe phobias, we work with doctors to provide sedation for their treatment if necessary."

One of the biggest barriers many people face with going to the dentist is the cost. It can oftentimes be very difficult to justify spending money on dentistry when living in such an expensive place, but the team at @Smile are dedicated to finding solutions to fit each patient's requirements and budget.

"I do my absolute best to discuss all treatment options clearly, offering patients a range of cost options so they can get the desired outcome for a price they are comfortable with. We can also arrange for flexible monthly payment plans to spread the cost. People often underestimate the importance of their dental health. There are strong links between poor dental health and general health, and also with self-confidence. At @Smile, we always aim to remove these barriers to get the smile you deserve."

To get your dream smile, discover the pain-free and flexible options available to you, pop in for a professional and friendly chat with Louise at the Gloucester Street practice.

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The Perfect Present at Jersey Pearl

We met up with some of the gorgeous girl gang who run Jersey Pearl to find out what's on their wish lists this Christmas.



Rebecca Smith, Sales Advisor at the St.Helier Store.

"Our Sirene Collection is stunning, it's simplistic and it showcases a modern day pearl. These pieces are sleek, and they're great for stacking which is such a fab look. They're created using 9ct gold, diamonds and pearls, making them a really special Christmas present."

Sirene Diamond and Pearl 9ct Gold Pendant, £230.



Lorraine Ellis, Supervisor at the St.Ouen Shop.

"I love the dark pearls, they're my favourite. So unique, so different, the subtle variations make the Tahitian South Sea Mother of Pearl really eye-catching."

Dune Pendant Necklace with Elegant Grey Tahitian Mother of Pearl, £55 Dune Drop Earrings with Elegant Grey Tahitian Mother of Pearl, £45.



Ella Blampied, Marketing Executive at the St.Ouen Shop.

"This is from a collection we've done in partnership with Lisa La Brocq. It's got a gorgeous vintage feel to it. The collection has just launched, so it's ideal for someone difficult to buy for as they won't have anything like it. I also love that it's designed by a local artist, as, for me, this represents my love of Jersey."

Lisa La Brocq x Jersey Pearl Charm Necklace, £175.



Sabrina De Lemos, Sales Assistant at the St.Ouen Shop.

"This pendant is a new addition to our much-loved Amberley collection. It's got that wonderful timeless, classic feel. It's striking and would make the perfect bit of sparkle for someone this Christmas. This is a present someone will treasure."

Amberley Pendant, Freshwater pearls set with natural white topaz and Sterling Silver, £85.



Lyndsey Coutanche, Shop Floor Manager at the St.Ouen Shop.

"Such a classic, you can wear them with everything, dress them up or dress them down. Every woman should own a string of pearls."

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Left: Ganni Printed Mesh Wrap Dress Voisins, UK £230.00 | Jersey £207.00

Right: Weekend MacMara Palm Print Dress Voisins, UK £443.00 | Jersey £399.00





Jigsaw Silk Cotton Polo Neck Sweater Voisins, UK £90.00 | Jersey £82.00

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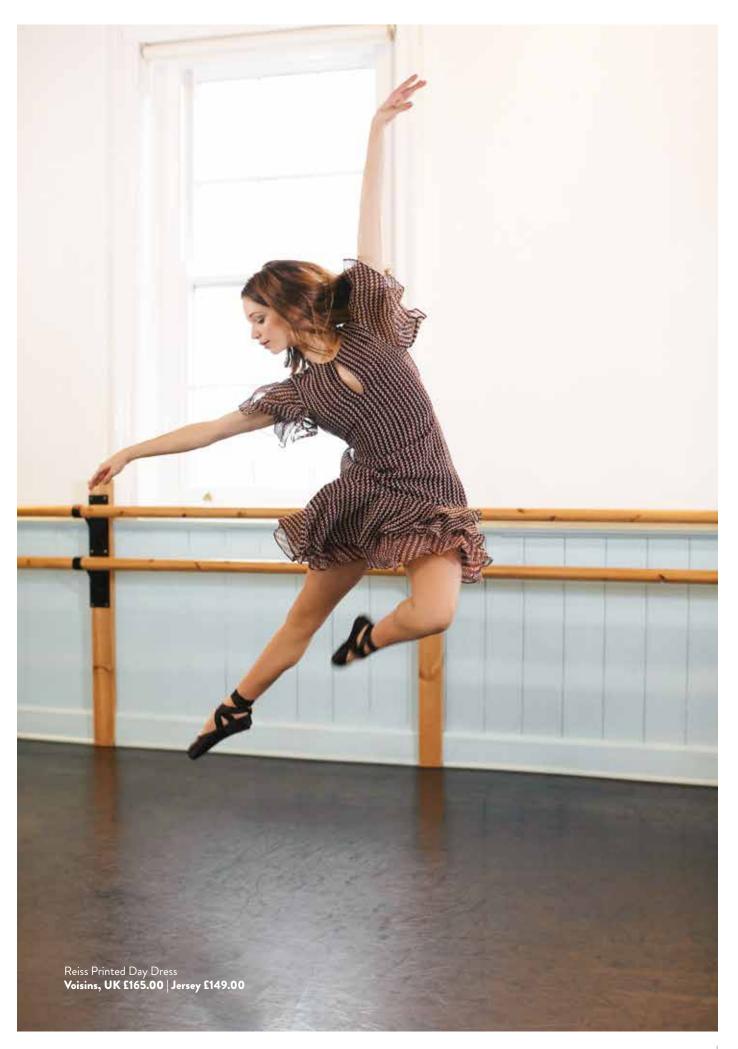


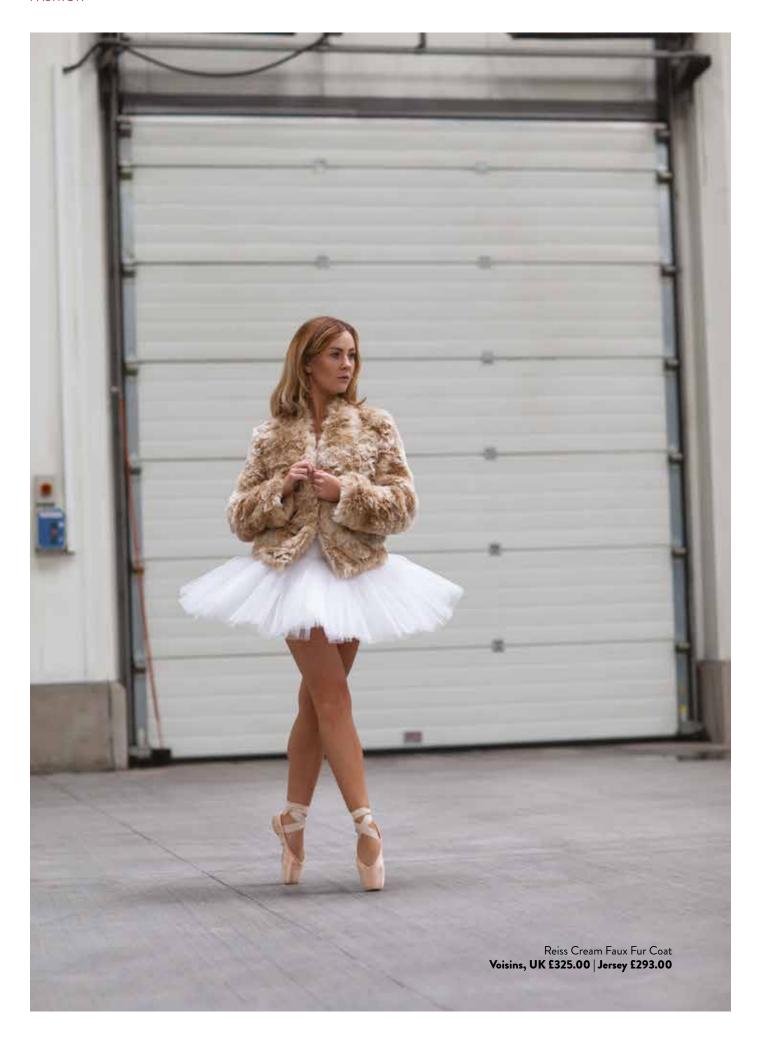


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Imogens picks



It's party season! This means you're free to experiment with textures, bold prints and glitter!

...for the girls

- 1. All Saints Leanna Set, Voisins, Blazer £205.00 | Trousers £133.00
- 2. Ganni Silk Stretch Wrap Skirt, Voisins, £261.00 3. Delilah Jumpsuit, Imogen Apparel, £56.00 (imogenapparel.com)
- 4. Glitter Pleated Midi Skirt, New Look, £24.99 5. River Island Cream Sequin Sweater, Voisins, £38.00

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- 6. Sequin Long Sleeve Top, M&S, £35.00
- 7. Floral Ruffled Wrap Midi Dress, M&S, £65.00 8. Mint Velvet Silver Sequin Dress, de Gruchy, £159.00















...for the boys



- 3. Gant Fairisle Crew, de Gruchy, £175.50
- 4. Gant Micro Floral Print Shirt, de Gruchy, £76.50 5. Reiss Bosco Shirt, Voisins, £86.00
- 6. Skopes Ralph Basket Weave Blazer, Roulette, £135.00
- 7. River Island Dark Grey Check Trousers, River Island, £38.00 8. Barbour Boyd Socks, Roulette, £15.00







...and for the pups!

1. Barbour Dog Bow Tie, de Gruchy, £12.55



Nine BY5

Finally, its December and we have a legitimate reason to be excited about Christmas! This year you can get the festivities off to an early start by getting your hands on one of a number of luxury adult advent calendars.

I was lucky enough to be gifted this one from Marks and Spencer which contains a heap of well-known beauty brands such as Stila, Ren and L'Occitane, as well as the store's own favourite skincare buys. Valued at over £300, the calendars can be bought in store for £40 once you spend over £25 on clothing or homeware and are just to ticket to getting in the mood for Christmas!

While Santa may have the largest sack in town, the rest of us ladies will be reaching for our micro-bags this season as the accessory trend sees them become teeny-tiny for the winter. These leather handbags from Eclat boutique are the perfect way to get on board with the trend and would make perfect Christmas gifts. Just large enough to fit in the bare essentials for a night out; for once smaller truly means better. They're made from Italian leather and available in a wide range of colours, with only one bag for sale in each tone, so be quick to pick one up.



Trying not to splurge on yourself this month? Lucky the number of options for buying upcycled, preloved and second hand clothing is constantly growing on the island. I've recently stumbled across two great outlets on Instagram - Relove.je and Island Revival. This denim jacket was upcycled by Island Revival to create a stunning one-off design. Explore their Instragram account for some swoonworthy denim pieces or the inspiration to start getting crafty yourself.

Hospice's Preloved to Reloved returned for another pop-up spectacular in Liberty Wharf last month, offering all its customers an exclusive chance to purchase high-end designer wear at a fraction of its retail price. Plenty of bargains were to be found on their rails, including this cashmere jumper, faux-fur collar and Jaegar black sequinned evening gown. We are all just hoping that this charitable venture finds a permanent shop front in Jersey to allow us to keep on shopping



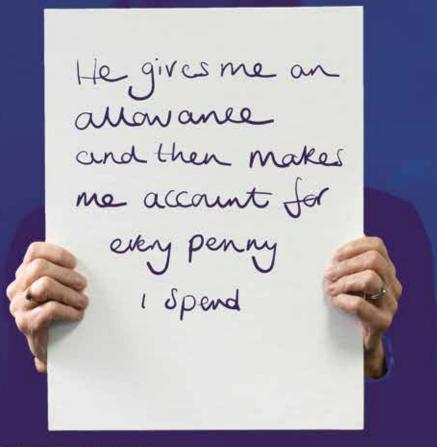
and contributing to such a worthwhile cause at the same time.

The only positive thing about all this wet weather is the chance to use my new dream of an umbrella. Instagrammable, practical and bright enough to perk up even the darkest days, this rainbow delight was a real treat. Having searched online for a similar one without success I stumbled across this in Rococo Arts and Gift shop in Liberty Wharf. Watch out for me singing in the rain in my wellington boots soon!









DOMESTIC ABUSE

WOULD YOU KNOW IT IF YOU SAW IT?

It is estimated that one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic abuse at some point in their lifetime. If you know someone who is experiencing abusive or controlling behaviour in a relationship, don't suffer in silence.

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Ever been to dinner at a friend's house and you take a really nice bottle of wine (which you normally wouldn't buy for yourself!) secretly hoping they'll open it that evening so you can enjoy it as well, and to your slight annoyance you see them squirreling it away to enjoy at some other time with someone else?!

> The truth is, it can be very expensive to entertain, especially at Christmas when everyone is in the 'festive mood' and throws caution to the wind, so what you need to do is buy wine that looks and tastes expensive, but costs less than you (and your guests) think.

> Here are some suggestions based on what I am going to be serving this Christmas & New Year [prices in brackets are case price/bottle price]:

SPARKLING:

MCCs (or "Methode Cap Classiques" as they call them) from South Africa are without doubt the best value bubbles. They're made the same way as Champagne, using the same blend of grapes (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier) and the quality, certainly with wines like Silverthorn "The Jewel Box" or Steenberg "Lady R" can rival a good (and far more expensive) Champagne. You can find cheaper fizz of course but not (in my opinion) of this quality. Two of our best sellers are the Thelema MCC 2015 [£15.80 / £15.01] and the vegan friendly Villiera MCC Tradition NV (£12.50 / £11.88]

Personally, I'd avoid serving a New World Sauvignon Blanc (too perfumed) or an oaky Chardonnay (not everyone likes oak). The safest 'crowd pleaser' is always light, dry, and not too acidic: a Chenin Blanc; a (good quality) Pinot Grigio, or a white Rioja like Cortijo Blanco for example [£10.10 / £9.60]

REDS:

Probably best not to serve single grapes like a Merlot, Cab Sauvignon or a Pinot because everyone has different tastes. Play safe with a blend: try something from Southern France, a Côtes du Rhône or something from Roussillon; a light Rioja Crianza like Paco Garcia [£12.80 / £12.16] or Tommasi's Valpolicella Classico Superiore - delicious, soft, light (only 12.5%) and good with or without food.

TOP TIPS:

When serving whites (especially 'half decent' bottles) take them out of the fridge between 15 - 20 minutes before serving. Most people drink them straight out of the fridge and at 5 degrees C, a lot of whites can taste very similar. Try drinking them between 8 -10C instead.

For reds, try decanting them before serving; it will 'open the wine up', taste better and your guests will assume (correctly) that you know what you are doing. You don't need an expensive decanter - a nice glass water jug will do the job.

Also, if you don't have good wine glasses, invest in some because they really will improve the taste of the wines you're serving (and they look nicer!)

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas & New Year!

All the above wines (and over 540 more) are available at Gorey Wine Cellar (La Rue d'Aval, St Martin see Google maps) or online at www. goreywinecellar.com - free island-wide delivery for orders over £50



GALLERY



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A CHEF?

I was sixteen when I first set foot in the kitchen, starting as a kitchen porter to earn some pocket money before being thrown in the deep end on the pastry section one busy Mothering Sunday... and here I am twenty two years later. I went to Birmingham College of Food, Tourism & Creative Studies (affectionately known as Birmingham College of Cakes)! Since then I've worked in pubs, festival VIP catering, AArosetted and Michelin-starred hotels and restaurants; my last eight years before going solo was as Head Chef at the renowned Green Island Restaurant for my good friend Alan Winch.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Experimenting with weird and wonderful ingredients and having the opportunity to play around with unfamiliar foods in order to gain a greater understanding of the produce. And spending time with the clients on a front-of-house basis as for many years I've just been hidden-cooking.

HOW DID THE CONCEPT FOR YOUR NEW BUSINESS START?

I wanted to start a business for the challenge of working for myself with a company that provides a personal service from initial meeting right through to the finished meal – including the washing up!

My mission statement is "to cook great delicious food with and for great people; what you want, where you want it, when you want it, how you want it". I decided the best way to do this was to offer a personal approach, bespoke menus on a small and intimate scale with high quality ingredients, cooking and presentation that's a bit different.

WHAT DO YOU OFFER?

Anything you could imagine... from canapes and BBQs to family roasts and fine dining tasting menus.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LAST SUPPER?

Classic prawn cocktail to start (call me old-fashioned, but I like retro...) followed by my wife's roast chicken dinner, with stuffing, Yorkshire puddings, duck-fat roast potatoes, courgette provencale (with her homegrown garden produce!), tinned sweetcorn and seriously good chicken stock gravy (with the secret addition of a little Bisto - she tells me now!)

If there's room for more, then it's got to be Bakewell pudding from my friend's bakery served with pouring cream (and yes it's a pudding and not a tart – the traditional Bakewell town way!)

BEST PLACE TO EAT IN THE WORLD?

Torn between two places that each have a very special place in my heart so you're getting both.:

Lake Road Kitchen, Ambleside, Cumbria. Owned and operated by my old friend and ex-colleague James Cross. I love his approach to seriously high-end, yet seemingly simple food cooked with the best locally-sourced, home-grown and foraged ingredients.

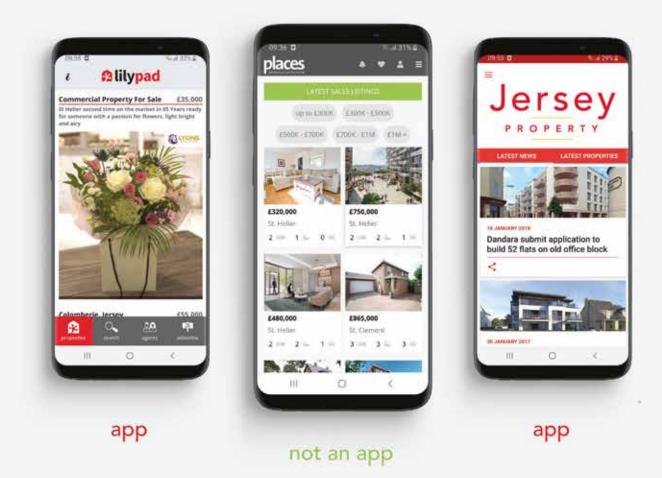
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Family homes with contemporary design schemes are cropping up all over the island at what feels like a record pace. Slick and well-designed, we have grown so accustomed to wanting the white-walled blank canvas, that it's becoming increasingly difficult to come across a contemporary property that emanates depth and character, as well as sophistication and style.

La Rochelle is a prestigious five bedroom home that ticks all of the boxes. Beautifully restored to a high specification only four years ago, the generously appointed property is immaculately presented throughout, with contemporary family living and entertaining at its heart.

Situated in the popular parish of Grouville, the property sits in an elevated position on Le Vier Mont. Surrounded by agricultural land, its premium position offers the peace and tranquility of countryside living, yet boasts sea views and just a short drive to town, as well as to principal schools. Accessed via a set of electrically operated gates, the short drive up to the commanding white facade makes for an impressive sense of arrival, but the real charm of the property only becomes evident when you step inside of this superior family home.

Credit to the present owner's impeccable taste, La Rochelle has been exquisitely decorated throughout so that each room has its own unique character, yet remaining in keeping with the property's monochrome colour palette. The front door opens into a wide and spacious entrance hall, before leading you through to the property's sizeable eat-in kitchen.

The hub of the home, La Rochelle's kitchen is undoubtedly centred around quality time with family and friends. An enormous statement island takes centre stage, offset by the traditional shaker style fixtures and fittings, which add depth and character to the otherwise imposing space. During the warmer months, a set of French doors open onto the property's front terrace, bringing the outside in and extending the space for entertaining family and friends, or dining al fresco.

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On the other side of the entrance hall is the property's living room. With solid oak flooring throughout, deep grey walls and an impressive working fireplace, the considerable space is a sanctuary of comfort and warmth. Adjoining the living area is the property's library. Currently being used as a music room, the neighbouring space could very easily serve as a formal dining room, study, or snug, if required.



The impressive staircase, complete with unique monochrome carpet and gold stair rods, leads the way to the property's first and second floors. At the top of the landing, the master bedroom emanates luxury with its dark textured wallpaper and detailed oak flooring. A small balcony overlooking the front terrace and surrounding fields makes a pleasant addition, as well as a large walk-in dressing room with masses of fitted wardrobe space. The ensuite bathroom is a masterpiece of design in its own right, with its unique bronze wall coverings, large rainfall shower, freestanding bath and dual sinks.

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Two more double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms share the first floor, one of which boasting newly fitted contemporary bunk beds. Another smaller room next door is currently being used as an additional dressing room, but has great potential to serve as a study, nursery, or additional small child's bedroom if needed. The attic level of the property comprises two more double bedrooms. Both with ensuite bathrooms, far-reaching views across the grounds and offering quiet away from the rest of the house, they serve as fantastic guest accommodation, or for elder children.

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La Rochelle's suitability for entertaining and hosting guests is largely due to its fantastic outdoor space. The south facing front terrace was installed by the current vendors only a few years ago to maximise the evening light, where the sun's warmth can be enjoyed long into the evening in the summer. Even in the colder months, the space can be enjoyed with an outdoor fire and was meticulously designed with year-round entertaining in mind.

At the rear of the property, a large outdoor swimming pool and sizeable pool house offers a slice of pure luxury. Completely enclosed, and with an additional lawned area and space for outdoor furniture, it is without a doubt that this space was made for family-living. A second two-storey one bedroom outhouse serves as generous secondary or guest accommodation, or as an ideal environment for a home office or growing business, as it is being used presently.

La Rochelle is a fantastically appointed contemporary family home that has had so much life, care and attention invested into its walls. It is becoming increasingly rare to find a high specification property of this standard that exudes so much character and originality, making this property an extraordinary opportunity not to be missed.















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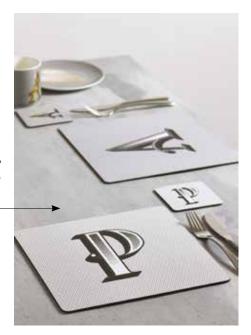
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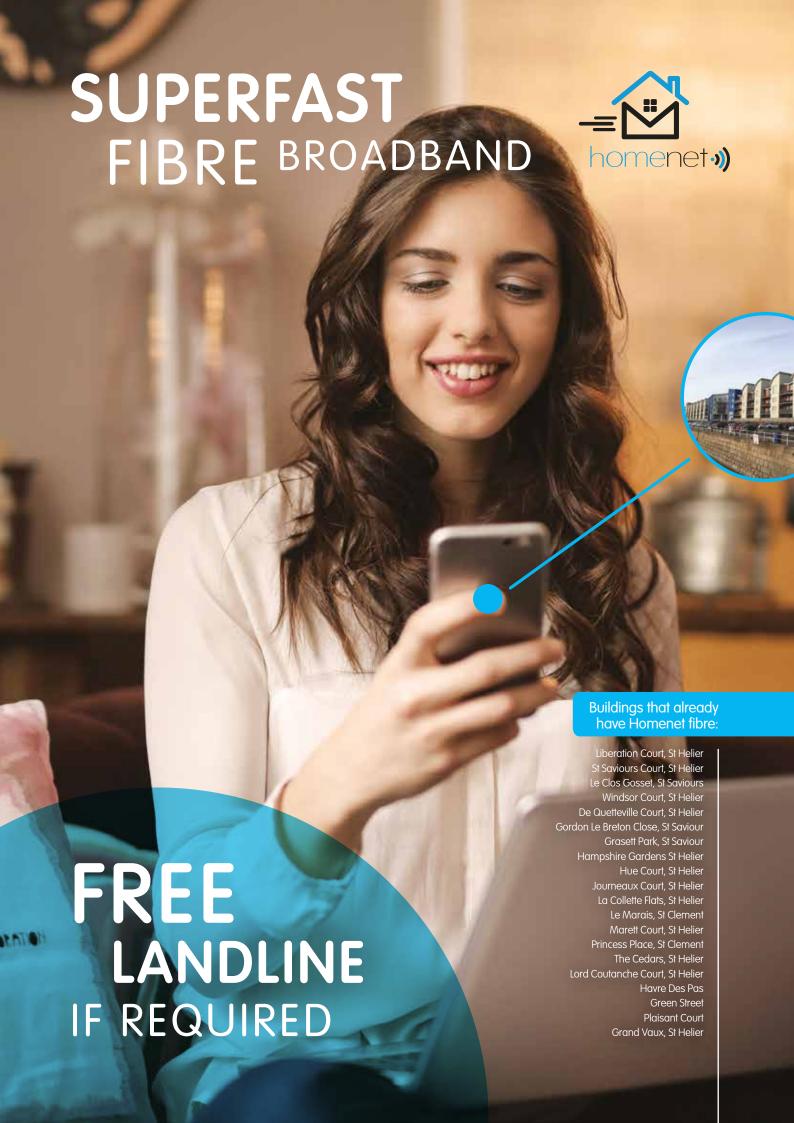


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It's a White Out

Let's be honest - the chances of a white Christmas are slim-to-none. But, you don't have to wait for the mercury to drop to enjoy a snowy aesthetic. An all-white-interior is an ongoing favourite for many interior design enthusiasts. While in theory, a bleached-out space should be stark and cold, the visual reality tells a very different story.



Porcelanosa Deco Matt

Pastella, £48.36 per sqm

If the thought of plain white walls leaves you feeling uninspired, incorporate a feature wall using a series of subtle textures and shapes. The Porcelanosa Deco Matt tile is extra-large, measuring 45 x 120 cm, minimising installation times and providing a high impact finish. The number of joins between pieces is reduced, providing visual continuity to the space, with its mixed textured pattern giving personality to the atmosphere of any room.



Cosmic Suite Collection

Bauformat, POA

Cosmic bathrooms celebrate clean lines and even cleaner aesthetics. Their motto "we design bathrooms that exist only in your imagination" could not be more true, with their ranges featuring innovative solutions that are meticulously designed to the highest quality. Available locally via Bauformat, your pristine all-white bathroom is not out of reach. Pop in to Bauformat for a friendly chat.

Daval Henley Kitchen Range

Beaumont Home Centre, Prices Vary

Shaker-style kitchens are timeless and slick, adding a lovely traditional element to an all-white interior. The Henley range by Daval is the newest addition to the brand's kitchen collections and is available to order with Beaumont Home Centre. Framed end-panels with a radiused front edge create a high-end look and the elegant details on the cornice provide a contemporary classic feel. Henley is available in four of Daval's most popular colours including Porcelain, Mist, Mussel and a new grey finish called Pebble.



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Porcelanosa Carrara Blanco Natural Pastella, Floor £51.66 per sqm. Wall £64.25 per sqm.

A marble look with ceramic characteristics, the veining in the Porcelanosa Carrara Blanco Natural pieces reproduce the distinctive features of this noble, natural stone. The production process of this quality porcelain floor-tile makes it less absorbent and less likely to stain than marble, offering a higher resistance to the user's routine. Its timeless, elegant look evokes peace and serenity, perfect for your all-white sanctuary. Both the wall and floor tiles are in stock and available to view in Pastella's Five Oaks showroom.



L'Antic DQS White Back & Floor Tiles

Pastella, Prices Vary

The DQS White is sheer opulence. A mixture of natural quartz and glass bound with resin makes these premium tiles highly resistant to scratches and acids. Individual and unique, there is the option for an even shade, or a slight variation, depending on the model, and can be used both on indoor walls and floors. The high performance Urbatek floor tile is in keeping with up-to-date architecture and design trends.

Novabell Imperial Range

Beaumont Home Centre, POA

Forget white emulsion when it comes to white walls. Take your all-white aesthetic up a notch with the Imperial range of floor and wall tiles by Novabell. Available in a variety of shapes, finishes and materials, the Imperial range is exquisitely designed to work harmoniously within contemporary interior design schemes.



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It has always been said that there is insufficient support for this sector of the market, although some mortgage lenders are able to offer a variety of options that should satisfy the demands of most people hoping to access the first rung of the property ladder. They include:

100% MORTGAGE

This innovative product requires a locally based, property owning family member to act as a guarantor. They must allow a charge to be taken against their own property for 15% of the value of the main mortgage that will be secured against the new property that is being purchased. The application does require more paperwork, as the guarantor must prove their ability to afford to repay the 15%, in the event of default by the principal borrowers. Whilst the current interest rate of 3.99% may seem high, this reflects the risk that the lender takes when offering this type of mortgage.

Currently, the maximum mortgage on offer is £500,000 with a term of up to 40 years and this, coupled with a penalty free overpay option, gives borrowers great flexibility. Some financial input will be required however, as the legal fees and other charges will still have to be paid.

95% MORTGAGE

Two lenders have stepped up to the mark to offer this product. One can offer a maximum mortgage amount of £400,000 over a term of up to 30 years and the other offers £500,000 over a term of up to 35 years. Interest rates range from 2.99% to 3.49%. No guarantor is required, although legal fees and other charges do still have to be met.

90% MORTGAGE

This product is currently on offer from all Jersey mortgage lenders and obviously requires a much higher level of deposit than the other options. So, this is where a committed savings plan and possibly the bank of "mum and dad" can achieve great results. Interest rates at this level are much lower ranging from 1.94% to 3.24%.

JERSEY HOMEBUY SCHEME

This scheme has been available for a number of years under the auspices of the States. It provides a link between developers of First Time Buyer Homes and several local mortgage lenders. The scheme favours families with children and usually offers a discount on the purchase price where, for example a percentage of the property value is retained by a trust that is administered by either the States or the Parish, in which the property is situated. Designed to allow families to buy homes, they might not have otherwise been able to afford.

Why not pop into The Mortgage Shop for a free 5 minute mortgage review, to ensure you understand how much you could borrow. Or call 789830.

INTEREST RATES

There has been no change this month in the interest rates that are shown on our chart. This reflects the "wait and see" attitude that is being adopted by not only mortgage lenders but also many people who are thinking of buying or selling and who may have been put off by the current impasse in the UK over Brexit.

Best Rates - Market Leaders (% loan to property value/price)

60%		1.49%
60%	2 Year Fixed	1.50%
60%	5 Year Fixed	1.81%
60%	10 Year Fixed	2.74%
85%		1.74%
85%	3 Year Fixed	1.99%
85%	5 Year Fixed	2.09%
90%		2.19%
90%	2 Year Fixed	1.94%
90%	5 Year Fixed	2.29%
95%	2 Year Fixed	2.99%
95%	5 Year Fixed	3.49%
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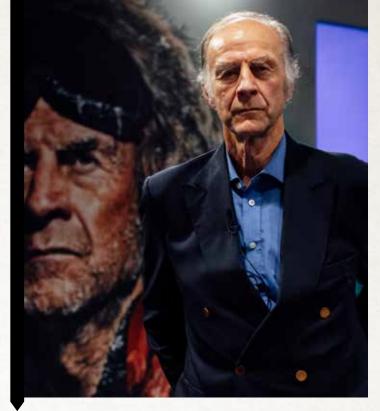
Words: Ben Davies

They say 'never meet your heroes'. I'm not sure why. I assume it's because there's the potential to be let down, but how could you be let down by a man who has been to both Poles, climbed Everest and the North Face of the Eiger and, following a double heart bypass, did seven marathons in seven days.

I seldom take the opportunity to do an interview but when Standard Bank invited me along to meet Ranulph Fiennes ahead of a talk they were hosting, it was one I couldn't turn down. Few humans achieve their own moderate personal goals, so it is incredibly inspiring to hear someone like Ranulph Fiennes tell his story. I guess that's why a South African bank invites the world's greatest explorer to a golf club in Jersey. It makes sense as there's a heritage connection, 'Sir Ran' was actaully brought up in South Africa until be was 12 and, despite having been, quite literally, to the top of the Earth both in terms of altitude and latitude, he also cites it as his favourite place in the world.

Ran and his explorer-wife Ginny also selected a South African butcher among 8,000 applicants as one of his two teammates to undertake the incredible Transglobe Expedition in 1979, the first expedition to make a circumpolar navigation, travelling the world "vertically" by traversing both of the poles, using only surface transport. The selection process took five years - ahead of another three years for the trip - for which there would be no pay. The butcher almost didn't make it, with Ranulph initially favouring a printer, Jeff Newman, who got a little too friendly with another member of the team and unfortunately suffered during his polar training, getting frostbite. They recruited the butcher, along with a beer salesman, and trained them to be a doctor and mechanic/ dentist respectively. Thankfully, Ranulph and Jeff remain friends to this day. The moral of the story was that of 8,000 people, Ran and Ginny chose to recruit on strength of character, not prior achievements or qualifications, and ended up with a team so committed that they worked for seven years without pay and were so intoxicated by adventure that they immediately started plans for a new expedition.

As I listened to stories of how Ran built the expedition team and resources (managing to secure the support of 1,900 sponsors), what was incredible is how clearly and precisely he remembers the details of an undertaking 40 years ago; training for the arctic and its differences from antarctic training, and how an event so significant forged the way for a life of adventure and fundraising. Ranulph is incredibly sharp and pragmatic, telling of how failing to climb Everest the year before pension age only meant he could get better publicity acheiving the feat the year after. Working against his 'annoying' scoliosis and adapting his exercise regime each decade, he still keeps fit and able at the age of 73. It's inspiring to see how, with the right strength of mind, you can keep incredibly active and capable into your seventies.



Despite famously being thrown out of the SAS, Ranulph's resilience and clear likeability has meant his career has surpassed that of many of his contemporaries. In fact, the brigadier that threw him out became a friend and enabled Ran to get the support of the Army to help him on his missions and compete with the Norweigens in reaching significant exploratory goals. Being able to call on the support of the army - and even British Aerospace - to invent items to assist in creating things certainly helped Ran and his crew complete their goals and break records; the resulting Zumski machine, for example, making navigation possible like never before.

But what now for Ranulph Fiennes? There aren't many goals left. Crossing the Antarctic unassisted is still on the cards, but if the Guiness Book of Records' 'World's Greatest Explorer' isn't taking that on, what is his next goal? A book, with 100,000 words due for July, and raising a 13 year old daughter. His daughter's passion for animal welfare is already leading her to create yet further positive global impact under the famous Fiennes name.

To finish our meeting, I relayed a question from my Mum, who wanted to know if Ran has a nickname. It turns out that it's 'Froggy' - a name given to him by his friend Michael Stroud for being of French descent. In return, Ran refers to Michael as 'Bogman' (Staud being bog in German). When the two discovered a mountain together in Antarctica, Ran saw if first and got naming rights. Therefore there isn't a mount Froggy, but there is now a mount Bogman. Good to know that in the harshest of conditions, it's all still about getting one over on your mates.

Learn more about Ranulph Fiennes' fundraiding and missons at: ranulphfiennes.co.uk

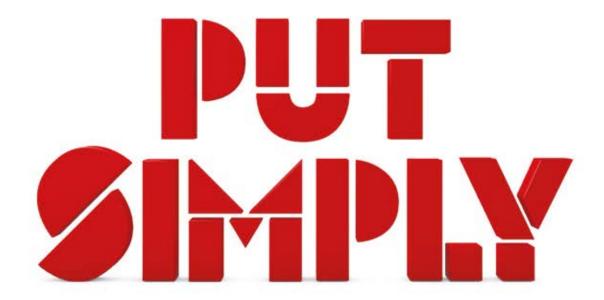






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It's something that the founders of venture consultancy firm Altitude believe is the missing link for growth-oriented companies. Designed to offer startups and early stage companies a world-class brand and strategic positioning along with funding opportunities, Altitude was co-founded by Oliver Mourant, former co-founder of Enhance, The Observatory's founder and creative director Ben Hickingbotham and Erik Tyler, a Sydney-based venture consultant and strategic advisor with over a decade's experience in high level deal structuring.

Altitude has a key point of difference: building the brand with the company founders. Why should a startup care about its branding? Building a strong brand isn't just an aesthetic exercise, according to Altitude, it adds increased value for companies and investors. "Your brand is a shorthand for everything your company intends to do, your strategy and offering in a nutshell," said Ben Hickingbotham. "It signals how seriously your company takes itself, who you compete against and who you intend to grow into. Building a brand directly with the founders and in synergy with the business advisors and fundraisers forces out those hard questions and creates a strong brand vision that can have a significant impact on the amount of capital you can attract."

"Funding has become so commoditised that just bringing money to the table is not enough," said Erik Tyler. "There are a lot of great ideas out there, but very few founders have access to the world-class branding and design capabilities they need to turn them into winners. Branding is a key differentiator and a critical asset in today's world. To us, it's a value multiplier and the missing link for so many startups." For the right founders, Altitude adds the benefit of strong connections to leading brokers in Australia where Erik Tyler specialises in deal flow advice and introductions to a network of US and European financiers. Erik comes to Altitude from recent wins which include leading pre-IPO and IPO funding for a Luxembourg-based satellite company ahead of its successful listing on the ASX, and a background as a strategic advisor to a large early stage tech incubator in Australia. "I believe our skills lie in recognising exceptional people who can execute. And then helping them get there," said Erik Tyler. "Altitude gives founders the benefit of having strategic minds and strong expertise on the board straight away."

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"We're looking for early stage companies from industries we're excited about and founders with vision and passion," said Oliver Mourant. "We help founders accelerate ideas and deliver products to their markets with great branding straight away, secure investment and establish rock solid teams and operational structures with a shared vision and support system. Altitude has one rule. We only work with people we believe in."

Since launching in early September 2019, Altitude has already added two new businesses to its programme; FairFleet, a Munich-based, full-service provider for drone-powered solutions and Xinecto a mortgage-matching platform for non-UK residents. While in conversation with many other founders, Altitude are open to meet anyone with a great idea, as Altitude believe that ideas change everything with hard work, a strong team, big ambitions and correct timings.

NEWS BITES



Gen-z Islanders head to Mumbai

Infrasoft Technologies, one of the leading global fintech organisations, recently invited four Hautlieu students from Jersey to their HQ in Mumbai, India, as a part of their corporate citizenship program. The programme was aimed to provide opportunities to the talented Gen z-ers to learn about the new-age digital technologies as well as experience projects across business & corporate functions.

Invited on a Work Placement programme, the four secondary school students of Hautlieu, studying ICT as part of their curriculum, dedicated a week at the InfrasoftTech's HQ learning about current and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Robotics, Open Banking, amongst others from senior IT professionals. In addition, they also had an interactive session with Mr Rajesh Mirjankar, Managing Director & CEO at InfrasoftTech discussing the current technology trends and how it impacts the world that we live in and the way emerging technologies shall shape the future.

Apart from professional learning, the students also experienced the Indian culture by celebrating the festive season of 'Diwali' - Festival of Lights. They celebrated the festival with the Infrapreneurs by dressing up in traditional attire and participating in the events held at the office. Students also experienced the local culture by going on a brief tour of Mumbai city wherein they visited several prominent and historical landmarks such as the Gateway of India, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and the Nariman Point financial hub.

InfrasoftTech's Corporate Citizen Program has been specifically designed to support both education and digital experience, along with developing leadership skills. As part of the program, InfrasoftTech worked with Hautlieu School, Jersey to inspire students to elevate their career in the IT industry. This initiative displays our dedication, commitment and responsibility towards communities and societies that we thrive in globally. InfrasoftTech also recognises the impact of technology to create a more inclusive and well-connected world, which will help in making it a better place for generations to come.



CSS get QHSE/ISO via ACS.

No, that's not just computer code. After an intense 3-day external audit, conducted by ACS Registrars, accredited to UKAS, the UK's National accreditation body, CSS Ltd are proud to announce that they have achieved re-certification in all three categories.

The certification covers the Quality standard ISO 9001:2015, the new Health and Safety standard, ISO 45001:2018 and Environmental standard ISO 14001:2015. The 4-day audit concluded there were no nonconformities and all comments were positive by the auditor, praising CSS on the improvement's they have made this year. CSS believe they are the first Offshore Recruitment Agency worldwide to receive all 3 QHSE standards and understand they are the first company in Jersey to receive ISO 45001:2018 certification. CSS' QHSE/Office Manager, Elaine Feltham said; "This is a massive achievement for CSS, all of which could not be achieved without the commitment of our employees and the support of our contractors, I am ecstatic with the result!".

Your annual return is going to cost more.

Jersey registered companies will pay an extra £25 to file their annual return next year, as the JFSC increases registry fees. The JFSC had 'initially proposed a £30 increase but has listened to public feedback and reduced it by £5'. We're guessing the public feedback was probably that they didn't want a rise at all, but....well....

Businesses will now pay £235 to file their annual return and £225 if they file online. Some other registry fees, such as incorporation fees, will also go up by 10%. What you get for that as the average small business may sometimes be a bit mysterious but it's a legal evil.

Despite being a pretty profitable outfit of late, the JFSC state that "The increases are necessary for us to maintain and enhance the registers we hold, while managing the increasing volumes of applications and submissions that we deal with on a daily basis. We are also facing greater costs to protect against the threats posed by cyber and financial crime." Revenuees at the JFSC rose by 1.6m between 2017 and 2018 and they made an £800k profit. They're expecting fee income to be £18.7m for 2019. They are planning on spending an extra £700k on staff for 2019 though, so they do need your extra cash. During the consultation period, the JFSC also asked for islanders' opinions on introducing a £50 business name renewal fee every three years. Following feedback, this proposal is on hold while the JFSC undertakes further analysis and consultation with Jersey businesses on whether there is a future need for a Register of Business Names.

The JFSC is writing to Jersey registered businesses and trust companies to advise them of the new fee changes, which will come into effect on 1 January 2020. Don't forget to do your return on time, or it will cost you double! Like Wonga interest... so watch out.

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Jane Martin joins Dickinson Gleeson as a consultant.

JERSEY law firm Dickinson Gleeson has appointed a Consultant to support its growing legal team. Advocate Jane Martin has been recruited by the practice to further enhance its litigation offering, and brings with her a wealth of experience in commercial litigation and case management.

As former Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of Jersey and previously a Managing Partner of a local law firm, Advocate Martin has enjoyed a varied career, which also includes being appointed as Crown Advocate and arguing cases on behalf of the prosecution in criminal trials.

Advocate Martin will focus on a wide range of

contentious trusts and companies disputes, including advising trustees, high net worth individuals, companies and shareholders. Having qualified as an English solicitor, Jane was sworn in an Advocate of the Royal Court in 1995. Commenting on her appointment, Jane told us: "I was attracted to working for Dickinson Gleeson due to the high profile, complex cases that they undertake and the dynamic, can do attitude that has made them a market leader in disputes work."

Collas Crill recruits for dispuits.

Collas Crill Jersey has made two new appointments to its Dispute Resolution (DR) team. Senior Associate, Daian Sumner is a qualified barrister who has spent the last three years practising law in the BVI, before recently relocating to Jersey to join the firm.

Her role as a barrister in Liverpool saw her working in the St John's Building Chambers and Atlantic Chambers, before moving to the Caribbean in 2016. Daian specialises in complex corporate and commercial disputes, wills and trusts, and has experience as in house Legal Counsel for a large trust company. With experience as a university lecturer at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, Daian is a highly-skilled public speaker who has delivered a number of presentations on her areas of expertise.

Kirsten Bailey joins as an Associate, having previously worked in the Johannesburg office of a Pan-African law firm, where she advised on disputes including class actions, contentious insolvencies and tax, contract and product liability disputes. She also has experience in the Courts of South Africa, Botswana and Tanzania, with clients including local and international financial institutions, high net worth individuals and large corporations in the food and beverage sectors, as well as various Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed entities. At Collas Crill, Kirsten specialises in advising clients on contentious matters across a number of aspects of law, including contractual disputes, torts, and general commercial disputes.







Praemium Growth.

Praemium International has appointed Bianca Jacques as Head of Platform for their International business.

In her new role, Bianca will be responsible for the overall operational effectiveness, performance and growth of Praemium's International business. Bianca has over 12 years' experience in international financial services, working for other large financial institutions such as Brewin Dolphin, MUFG Investor Services, UBS and BNP Paribas.

She is level 6 investment qualified and is a chartered fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.

Movers&Shakers



Amanda is in the House.

Jersey La Mare Wine Estate has appointed a new Retail and Brand Manager for its Maison de Jersey shop in the heart of town.

As the person responsible for the day-to-day management of the flagship high street store, Amanda Kelley is tasked with delivering the best shopping experience for customers whilst promoting the Maison de Jersey and La Mare Brand.

Maison de Jersey comprises two retail outlets, one in St Helier and one at the Airport and a new online store which ships across the island, the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. Both outlets and the online store feature products predominantly made and designed locally, much of which are Genuine Jersey

Amanda has proven management experience in retail having previously worked for other well-known high street stores.

products, supporting local artisans.

Commenting on the appointment, La Mare's Managing Director Tim Crowley said: "We're delighted Amanda has joined our team as the face of customer service. She is creative, motivated and passionate about retail and just the person to promote the La Mare brand."



Skipton have it White

Skipton International have appointed Simon White as its Director of Credit, as the bank looks to expand its lending base across the Channel Islands and increase offshore savings deposits.

Simon joins the bank having worked in retail banking for over 40 years and will be responsible for the underwriting of all residential and expat mortgages, while exploring new opportunities for the bank to build upon its existing lending proposition.

Simon said: "When you reach my age it's important that you work in an organisation you thoroughly enjoy and one with which you share its values and ethics. Skipton International are well known for having a fantastic and nurturing work culture and are always looking for ways to support the local community and give back to the island. For me it's great to be part of a winning formula of good products, plans and people".



Marla keeps it real estate.

SANNE has appointed a new director to support the ongoing enhancement of its growing real estate offering.

Marla Hollick will work with SANNE's Real Estate team to expand the division's service offering, while driving the delivery of high quality accounting solutions and supporting exceptional client service across the division.

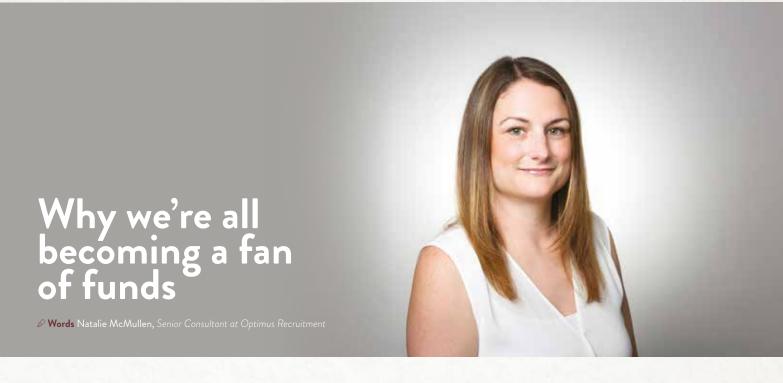
Marla joins SANNE after gaining valuable industry experience leading teams providing accounting and reporting services to funds and multijurisdictional structures investing into alternative assets, with a focus on real estate. She is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and has more than 14 years' international financial services experience.

On her appointment Marla Hollick said: "I am thrilled to be joining SANNE's dynamic and evolving real estate business at such an exciting time in its long and established operations."

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The funds sector is without doubt one of the most exciting and fast-paced industries to be involved with on the island at this time.

As well as creating its own unique offering, Jersey is holding its own on an international platform with local fund managers and service providers being regarded as world class experts, all playing their part in driving the sector forward to bigger and better things. If the thought of being part of history and creating something new and unique appeals to you then read on to find out why we should all become 'fans of funds'.

The Jersey funds sector continues to grow and prosper, chasing trust and company administration as the driving force behind our island's economy. With total funds under administration having increased by 70% in the last five years to stand at a staggering c. £350 billion, funds are a big business and there's plenty of room to be involved with it in one way or another.

The competitive environment has huge potential from which to launch your career from, with an opportunity to learn from fund experts and make your mark in the Jersey marketplace. The industry has attracted international funds in venture capital, private equity and real estate, trading everything from property to healthcare/life sciences, litigation to technology. Such a diverse asset class can provide an exciting and varied portfolio for anyone starting out in finance.

It's a sector that is thriving and more importantly hiring! Natalie McMullen, Senior Consultant at Optimus, said: "1 in 5 roles that have come in this year from our clients are fund related; administration, accounting, compliance etc. Firms are keen to train and support professional development within the industry. Working in the funds sector requires organised individuals who are quick thinking and innovative – willing to learn and work hard to achieve their goals."

"We are seeing great opportunities for driven individuals to rise quickly through the ranks given that the funds sector is such a fast-paced and evolving industry. There is great scope for talented candidates to really shine."

With the prospect of travel and building relationships with fund managers and corporate organisations, it's no wonder there's such a buzz around Jersey funds. The sector also allows you to touch upon topical issues such as ethical and sustainable finance with Jersey making waves for its innovative green investments. Philanthropic or charitable funds have also proved ever popular following the introduction of the Charities (Jersey) Law in 2014.

The sector made headlines when in 2017, Jersey became home to the world's largest ever venture capital fund of \$100 billion. This news reinforces the strength of Jersey's robust funds regime and the confidence that fund managers have for Jersey's future. If you think there could be a place for you in this future, why not pay us a visit at Optimus Recruitment to explore the wide variety of fund roles we have on offer?

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Finance put simply? Read on

Nobody likes life to be complicated, let alone finance. We're looking to change that by putting things simply - making clear what our Island's finance industry does and why.

If you don't work in the finance industry, you may not know how this money moves around Jersey or why clients choose Jersey to set up trusts, foundations and family offices.

You can now find simple answers to these questions on Jersey Finance's Put Simply hub – www.jerseyfinance.je/put-simply

What is private wealth?

Private wealth is a key sector of the finance market in Jersey. Put simply, it's how people and families manage their wealth. Jersey is custodian of £1.3 trillion of wealth - this is the estimated total amount of assets held in Jersey. Part of this wealth, around £400bn, is in trusts set up by private individuals and families from around the world.

Isn't private wealth just for very wealthy people?

There are plenty of myths about private wealth and how it works. The Put Simply: Private Wealth web hub clearly explains how some key services in this sector work and busts some common misconceptions.

For example, a common misconception is that trusts are only for the very wealthy, but this is not the case. Trusts play a key role in many aspects of everyday life and people will encounter trusts more often than they realise. Also, most company pension schemes are structured as trusts, as well as life insurance policies and charities. All of these are accessed by people around the globe, every day – not just the very wealthy.

What about capital markets?

Capital markets is one of Jersey's key finance sectors. Put simply, capital markets describe a financial marketplace. It's where investors buy and sell long-term investments to raise money – bringing together buyers and sellers to help businesses grow.

You may have heard of a stock exchange. Well, stock exchanges are part of the capital markets marketplace.

Quick Facts About Stock Exchanges

- A stock exchange is the marketplace where investors trade buy and sell products to generate wealth for an organisation or a specific purpose.
- Stock exchanges grew out of commodity trading of agricultural products and other raw materials.

 Jersey has the greatest number of FTSE 100 and AIM companies registered outside of the UK

Jersey helps the successful circulation of money globally by providing a base from which organisations can list on a variety of stock exchanges around the world.

Did you know the Channel Islands is home to an investment exchange? The International Stock Exchange (TISE) is regulated and supervised by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission. Put simply, TISE enables international companies to raise capital from investors around the globe.

Tell me more!

Here's what you'll find at www.jerseyfinance.je/put-simply

- an A-Z of popular finance terms in simple language
- a short animation about stock exchanges and how they work, what capital market products people use and the what happens behind-the-scenes of a capital markets transaction
- a short animation about how trusts, foundations and family offices work
- factsheets in simple language, including a brief history of stock exchanges
- real life examples of customers who use Jersey's private wealth and capital markets expertise
- ...and more!

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Trusts are not just for the super-rich.

Company pensions schemes, life insurance policies and charities are often set up as trusts.





Private wealth is about helping people manage assets to help grow and protect their wealth for the future.

People use Jersey trusts to protect assets, for the freedom to choose inheritors (not all countries allow you to choose) and to keep private affairs private.





Wealthy families use family offices because they can be tailored for specific needs, offer a high degree of control and families can participate in managing the wealth.

People set up trusts and foundations in Jersey because: it's easier to pass wealth on, it's safe, they protect assets and are confidential.





THE IoD UPDATE



National Award Win

Pinpoint's CEO, Tom Hacquoil, has been awarded 'Director of the Year – Start Up' at the 2019 IoD National Awards.

The awards are held in London and bring together many of the UK's most inspiring and influential leaders across multiple sectors. They are a celebration of leadership talent, success and achievement and the judges praised Pinpoint and Tom for being "Passionate, extremely impressive, with their feet firmly on the ground."

Commenting on his win, Tom said: "I'm thrilled to have won such a prestigious award and it's a real honour to be recognised amongst such an accomplished list of Directors. Pinpoint is an exciting business – we're paving the way to faster, more intelligent hiring – and I'm beyond proud of what we are building. I have a phenomenal team behind me and I'm looking forward to what the future holds for us".



Brexit Update

A general election is happening and we don't know what it will mean for Brexit, however if you haven't done so yet, it is a good time for you and your business to investigate what Brexit could mean.

The IoD have developed a business checklist and a number of resources that you can review online to help you focus and plan ahead. They have also produced a live 'Business Planning for Brexit Guide' which is being updated as the political landscape changes, making sure the IoD brings you the most upto-date information. Head to www.iod.com for Brexit resources.



New Website Coming Soon!

Some of you may have noticed that the old IoD Jersey website has been taken down and replaced with a holding page. This is because a brand new website is on its way in the new year!

A modern, intuitive and responsive website is being developed by the team at BWI. It will ensure visitors have up-to-date information on IoD events, the ability to sign up easily as members, information on the IoD Awards, CPD and a significant archive of support and materials.

Jersey Finance CEO Addresses IoD Audience











The current backdrop of political uncertainty and market fluctuations set the scene for the IoD Jersey Leader's Lunch with Joe Moynihan, Chief Executive Officer of Jersey Finance.

He took to the stage to discuss how Jersey can remain a leading financial centre of excellence in times of national disruption. The lunch took place at the Royal Yacht and began with networking drinks, followed by a two-course lunch and then the presentation by Mr Moynihan before closing. The next IoD Leader's Lunch will take place in January and be led by David Brown. The theme will be technology and automation. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Collaboration is Key

IoD Jersey took part in the Lean In Jersey 'Diversity Hack' event, organised by Pippa Davidson and sponsored by Smith & Williamson. The panel comprised Lisa Springate (Chair of IoD Jersey), Sophie Reguengo (Ogier), David Bailey (RBC Wealth Management), Paul Brown (Government of Jersey) and Kerry O'Dea (UK Home Office) and was moderated by Stephanie Henwood-Darts (JTC Group).

The panel began by examining fundamental issues such as why diversity and inclusion (D&I) are only coming to the forefront of agendas today. They discussed D&I becoming a priority for businesses, even amidst an unsettled climate of Brexit, tightening of budgets and an increasingly competitive landscape.

The panel moved on to discuss the most difficult elements of implementing a D&I policy and culture and how to influence the tone from the top and create better drive in firms for meaningful D&I. Creative ways to pro-actively source candidates for businesses from underrepresented groups were shared and scrutinised. The panel concluded its discussions by looking at how far along Jersey is in its own diversity journey. Questions were asked over what individuals could do to shift the diversity dial in Jersey and how thought groups like Lean In and IoD Jersey could positively impact progress. The IoD were pleased to announce the introduction of their Diversity Committee which was established earlier this year and is chaired by Dr Emiko Caerlewy-Smith. The team focus not only on gender diversity but age, ethnicity as well as disability.



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Finance is Jersey's largest industry, employing more than 13,000 people. Not only is it an exciting and rapidly evolving industry, it also offers a wide range of great roles across a variety of different sectors.

The make-up of Jersey's finance industry means there is plenty of flexibility when it comes to moving into new areas. It remains a fact that there is no such thing as a typical day in the life of a finance industry professional. As a result, a career in Jersey's finance industry has become an increasingly attractive option, offering those who work in it a huge amount of opportunity to broaden their horizons, make a positive difference to the future of the Island and work with some fantastic people.

A common misconception is that you need to be an expert number-cruncher, but really there is a huge variety of roles available within the industry to suit all skill sets! Nowadays, there is even more choice away from the more traditional roles – you can work in marketing, event management, programming, analytics, fintech, IT, human resources, business development and much more.

"A common misconception is that you need to be an expert number-cruncher, but really there is a huge variety of roles available within the industry to suit all skill sets!"

> You too can be a part of this thriving sector and embark on a career which will offer many opportunities, both professionally and personally, whilst being proud of the fact that your contribution is helping our Island remain prosperous, now and in the future.

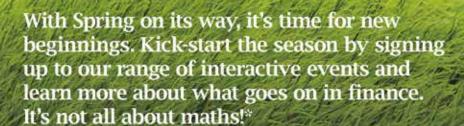
Spring into Finance: 11 to 12 February 2020

Jersey Finance and its member finance firms will be hosting a series of sessions for sixth formers over two days at Highlands College in February 2020. These free, fun, interactive sessions will help you learn more about the world of the finance industry. Each one to two-hour session will cover topics such as Funds, Accountancy, Banking, Capital Markets, Human Resources, Compliance, Wealth Management, Digital, Marketing, Law as well as lunchtime sessions on mental health and attitude.

Kick-start the Spring season by signing up and learn more about the different areas of the industry and the many opportunities available! You are free to sign up to as many or as few sessions you like over the two days. Simply go to Eventbrite, choose the session or sessions you would like to attend and reserve your ticket. Book now jsy.fi/spring

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Maria Craciun-Georgescu

Senior Fund Administrator at BNP Paribas

What made you choose the company you work for?

I worked for a couple of years within a small PE firm. This experience provided me with a good introduction to Funds and great insight into a variety of roles and opportunities which showed me how my career could progress. I chose BNP Paribas because I felt it was a good company to work for and there would be plenty of opportunity to develop myself further.

What sort of professional training do you take?

I have recently completed the Diploma in International Finance and Administration qualification and took my last exam in November.

What do you do on an average day?

Typically, I check my email inbox for any urgent matters I need to attend to and re visit my to do list. Our team then has a quick catch up to see what everyone has on their to-do list, this is to mitigate duplication of work and provide assistance to one another as some may have urgent deadlines

or excessive workloads which need support. Currently, I oversee the day to day administration of a complex fund. Tasks performed are varied for example, preparing or reviewing payments, liaising with the client, directors of the General Partnerships and investors, assisting with the preparation of board meetings and supporting board packs, monitoring and responding to emails, preparing distributions and or drawdowns from investors. Corresponding with tax advisors and lawyers in addition to working on internal projects within the organisation.

What is your next step?

I want to develop myself further, exceed my expectations and progress up the ladder.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you

Keep doing what you are doing and one day you will see the results of all your hard work.

Age? 32

Uni attended? Economic Academy (ASE) and Technical University of Constructions (UTCB) both in Bucharest, Romania Course undertaken? Masters in Accounting & Audit and Mechanical Engineering

What did you want to be when you were 8?

Favourite way to relax? Shopping Favourite place to eat in Jersey? SOY Seafood & Sushi Bar

What's your favourite possession? The bracelet I received from my mother on my 14th Birthday, which I haven't stopped wearing since.



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Shelly Abreu

Associate | Audit & Assurance at Deloitte

What made you choose the company you work for?

At 17, I was considering what to do after completing the International Baccalaureate and was unsure whether to go to university or straight into work. I knew I had options with my qualification, but I didn't know which path to take. When Deloitte came to my school, I decided to pursue a career in finance and quickly applied to join their BrightStart Scheme.

I chose Deloitte because this scheme meant I could earn money whilst studying towards a professional and degree-level qualification, without going to university first.

What sort of professional training do you take?

I am working towards an ACCA professional accountancy qualification, and a BSc degree in Applied Accounting.

I have completed four ACCA exams, with nine to go. The qualification also requires three years of practical experience which I will gain at Deloitte, and is a great way to enhance and apply the knowledge I've gained from my studies. Deloitte has also provided me with a wide array of learning resources to help improve my industry awareness.

What do you do on an average day?

I'm now in my second year with Deloitte, so on an average day I find myself immersed in audit work. I spend a lot of my time based at client sites, building great working relationships and enhancing my

professional network. I enjoy working with my clients and I hope to one day work with clients abroad in places like Hong Kong and Brazil. I also love being involved with planning sports and social events for the office, including this year's Christmas party.

What is your next step?

In the short term, I will continue to study and work towards an ACCA qualification and progress with my professional development. Additionally, as new Deloitte employees join our office, I'm keen to embrace a leadership role by aiding their professional development, and also to improve my own managerial skills.

What advice would you give yourself as a student, considering the experience you have now?

It can be really daunting finishing school and having to decide the next step in your life, so I think it is really important to be proactive and start looking into your choices well in advance. I would also advise students to gain as much work experience as possible, as this really helps you to attain an understanding of the type of career that you might enjoy in the future.

Age: 19

School attended: Hautlieu School International Baccalaureate subjects: Maths, Psychology, Biology, Economics, English

What did you want to be when you were eight? An inventor

Favourite way to relax: Listening to music Favourite place to eat in Jersey: Sugareef What is your favourite possession? My Kindle



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Jade Swann

Information Technology and Risk Assurance (ITRA) Associate at EY

What made you choose the company you work for?

After graduating in the summer, I was invited to join EY on the digital summer internship for six weeks. This provided me with an insight into day-to-day life of an ITRA Associate. During my experience it was obvious that people around the office and my team were always happy to offer the best help and advice. I knew this would be a firm I could see myself in full time. Coming to the end of my internship I was then offered a full-time role at EY, which I was delighted to accept.

What sort of professional training do you take?

At this present time, I'm considering my options. I want to do something relevant to my role. I'm currently looking into CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) as one of my options. I've also had the opportunity to meet some of my fellow ITRA colleagues at an offsite intraining event in Newcastle, which was a great learning experience.

What do you do on an average day?

Every day is different. I come into the office in the morning and check in with the seniors in my team to see what jobs they have assigned for me that day. In between this I can be involved in meetings with clients or going out to the client's office to carry out tasks needed to complete the audit.

What is your next step?

EY is a global firm offering its people opportunities to undertake secondments in other EY offices around the world and this is something I would like to consider in the future. As I studied cyber security at university, I'm encouraged to develop my network of connections with the possibility of working with one of EY's cyber teams in the future.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Be prepared to wake up early (as at uni that is not a thing) and take responsibility for your day-to-day management. Secondly, always ask questions, there is no such thing as a silly question and it's a great way to learn.

Age: 26 Uni attended? Liverpool John Moores Course undertaken? Computer Security Favourite way to relax: Sitting at the pub with a beer watching the football Favourite place to eat in Jersey: Manos, the peppercorn sauce brings me back every time!

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Conor Horgan

Assurance Associate, EY

Age: 18
School attended: Hautlieu School, Jersey
A-levels undertaken:
Business Studies, Diploma in Financial Studies, Photography
What did you want to be when you were 8? A fireman
Favourite way to relax? Going out for meals with friends
Favourite place to eat in Jersey? Dorans, St Helier
What's your favourite possession? My watch – it completes the accountant look!

What made you choose the company you work for?

I applied to four different accountancy firms but at the end of my week's work experience at EY I removed my applications from the other firms since I enjoyed my week at EY so much – it was just such a welcoming office and I'm happy to be back here.

What sort of professional training do you take?

I have just begun my ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) course and I am so far enjoying it, currently we are doing online distance learning sessions, so I get to spend my Fridays learning the modules from home.

What do you do on an average day?

There are so many different tasks in carrying out an audit of a company, so it changes every day; there is always work to do but I am expanding my skills and knowledge base every day from the helpful seniors at EY and learning more about the auditing process as I go along. It's a huge learning curve.

What is your next step?

Currently I need to study hard for my ACCA qualification, but I will be exploring the possibility of completing a dissertation at the end of my training contract, in order to obtain a degree alongside my accounting qualification.

What advice would you give yourself as a school leaver considering the experience you have now?

Don't think that you are going to be overshadowed by university graduates or that you will not be able to keep up – everyone is in the same boat and working among those with more experience is vital for your development. You can pick up skills from them that will help you become a more mature person as well as a better learner.



Ella Reynolds

Assurance Associate, EY

are a must!)

Age: 21
School attended: Jersey College for Girls
Uni attended: University of Liverpool
Course undertaken: BSc Geography
What did you want to be when you were 8? A ballerina
Favourite way to relax: Going to the gym and socialising with friends and family.
Favourite place to eat in Jersey: Feast in Gorey (their mojitos

What made you choose the company you work for?

After getting a place on the 2018 Summer Internship Programme, there was a clear enthusiasm for new joiners and their successful progression within the firm. EY's global reputation and inclusivity encouraged me to join after finishing university.

What sort of professional training do you take?

I am currently studying with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) towards my first set of exams. The workload is demanding but is made easier by the block period of time out of the business to fully focus on passing our exams (hopefully!). I shall be rejoining the business in January and am already booked to work on a large banking engagement.

What is your next step?

To focus on passing my exams and becoming a Chartered Accountant over the next three years, whilst fully immersing myself at EY, my first 'busy season' and settling back into Jersey life after university.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

To grasp every opportunity presented to you and ask lots of questions!

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Toby Hamon

Technical Graduate at JT

What made you choose to work for JT?

I was lucky enough to get a place on JT's bursary scheme while I was studying at University, working in various departments each Summer with some great mentors. I knew I wanted to return to Jersey and knew I wanted to work within the Digital sector. The JT Graduate scheme was an obvious choice for me. I especially liked the positive atmosphere at JT and the continued growth of the company locally along with their expansion internationally, it offers so much opportunity.

What professional training have you done?

I have a degree in Physics and later this year I am due to take the BCS Certificate in Systems Development Essentials, working towards OCA Java SE Programmer.

What do you do on an average day?

I work within the Service Design team, we take ideas and turn them into a coherent set of requirements for various software projects. For smaller projects I might create the product myself and for larger projects the requirements are implemented by the development team who allow me to input and support them with each phase.

What is your next step?

Once I have finished my placement with the service design team, I am hoping to move on to one of the development teams to gain more technical skills and experience at JT.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Be adaptable – careers in the digital sector are quite dynamic, definitely have a set of goals over a set period, but be prepared for things to change and don't be afraid to take advantage of opportunities as they come up.

Age: 21 University attended: Exeter University Course: Physics

What did you want to be when you were 8 years old? An actor

Favourite way to relax: Relaxing on the sofa, with a roaring fire and a good book.

Favourite place to eat in Jersey: Wildfire Restaurant for great steak and cocktails.

Favourite possession: My PC. I recently upgraded to a much faster machine with amazing

sound and graphics, which is fantastic for playing strategic games online and powerful enough for programming and dabbling with media files, all of which I really enjoy.

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Glenn Horman

Audit Assistant at KPMG in the Channel Islands

What made you choose to work for KPMG?

It posed a great opportunity to gain a reputable qualification whilst training at a Big Four firm. KPMG in the Channel Islands has a great reputation in terms of the training they offer and the variety of clients you're exposed to.

What professional training have you done?

I am currently working towards my ACCA qualification, which I am due to complete in December 2020.

What do you do on an average day?

It's never the same. I am always working with different clients and people from all nationalities, which allows me to learn more about new cultures and industries.

What is your next step?

To become exam qualified and then secure a secondment. KPMG is globally integrated; which means there are opportunities to work all over the world.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Whilst studying, I highly recommend work experience wherever possible, especially during the long summer breaks, as it provides invaluable knowledge. KPMG currently offers flexible work experience placements for university students, which give good insight into the world of audit and the benefits of qualifying at a Big four firm.

Age: 23 University attended: Newcastle University Course: Politics and Sociology What did you want to be when you were 8?

Footballer, even though my skills were very limited at that age and still are in fact - I liked to think I was the new Alan Shearer!

Favourite way to relax: Watching a good series on Netflix – I recommend Power, which I have just finished watching or Jack Ryan which I have just started watching and it is amazing!

Favourite place to eat in Jersey: El Tico on a hot summer's day, closely followed by the Dicq Shack

Favourite possession: It would have to be my Puma sliders most comfortable things to walk around in.

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Nic Le Breuilly

Associate in the Corporate team at Ogier

Age: 39

Uni attended: Cambridge

Course undertaken: MA in music

What did you want to be when you were 8? A conductor of

West End musicals

Favourite way to relax? A good book, a glass of wine and some

music in the background

Favourite place to eat in Jersey? Portelet Bay Cafe

What's your favourite possession? My piano

What sort of professional training do you take?

I recently qualified as a solicitor and undertook the final part of my training with Ogier, one of only two Channel Island firms offering Solicitor Regulation Authority approved training contracts. The training won't stop though just because I'm qualified - Ogier is very proactive about ongoing professional development.

What do you do on an average day?

There's no average day in the Corporate team! With several transactions to monitor concurrently, any one could require my attention. The range of transactions I get to work on is one of the things that attracted me to corporate work.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Always be listening and be as open-minded as possible. There are opportunities for learning, both professionally and personally, all around you. Take criticism constructively and not personally, actively search out those people who have a differing view to yourself and engage with them, and always be prepared to challenge yourself and your preconceptions.

Pippa Sheehan

Trainee Solicitor at Ogier

Age: 25

Uni attended: Exeter University

Course undertaken: Economics

What did you want to be when you were 8? An artist

Favourite way to relax? A yoga class or a run on the beach

Favourite place to eat in Jersey? Oyster Box What's your favourite possession? My dog

What made you choose the company you work for?

I was attracted by Ogier's flexible and innovative approach. During my time as a paralegal I was immediately welcomed and valued. Ogier's investment in employees really sets the firm apart. Ogier is also one of the only law firms in Jersey offering an English training contract; a great way to open doors for my future career.

What do you do on an average day?

Currently in the Banking team, my tasks focus on assisting with financing transactions and drafting and reviewing documents. The great thing is we rotate seats every few months, enabling us to experience many different areas of law.

What is your next step?

Once I qualify I plan to explore the world. I am enthusiastic about working in different jurisdictions to gain experience and further my career.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Don't hesitate to experience as many areas of work as possible. I came close to abandoning a career in law due to the popular perception of late nights and long hours, but actually I enjoy a great work-life balance and feel a real sense of fulfilment and progression in my job.

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Asif Riaz

Associate in Assurance at PwC

What made you choose to work for PwC?

Having experienced working cultures at several other companies, PwC's social scene was a huge differentiator and attractant for me. We have an office full of energetic, extremely social people who work very hard but make the most of down time through the many social events the office hosts. This combined with the fantastic portfolio of clients PwC allows me to work with made PwC a very easy choice for me, as well as one I have never regretted.

What professional training have you done?

I'm currently training to become a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), with 5 exams left (out of 15) before I qualify. At first, I had thought it would be very difficult to balance work with studies, however PwC fully support our professional qualification and provide time off as well as tuition, ensuring we are properly prepared. There are also endless learning opportunities through work with PwC colleagues.

What do you do on an average day?

Due to the large variety of different clients I work with, there really isn't an "average day". I have worked with Metal traders, Real Estate, Charitable institutions and even a school since joining the firm. We regularly work at the client site, getting to know the client teams as well as the inner workings of the business (which, being a very curious person, I really enjoy). On some clients, there is also opportunity for overseas travel, which is fantastic.

What is your next step?

PwC offer a fantastic extended leave programme, which I look forward to using after I qualify. This will allow me to take a few months off to travel. Due to how much I have enjoyed the culture here at PwC, I intend to remain with the firm, taking advantage of the global network and gaining experience working overseas. Several of my colleagues have gone on to work in various countries such as Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

After graduating, my focus was more on finding a job rather than finding a job that I wanted. Due to this, I have had to move around a few different career choices before finding my niche here at PwC. I would advise the younger me to take time and really think hard about what I want to do and where I want to be, and not be afraid to try different opportunities and further work experience.

Age: 25

University: The University of Kent Course: Accounting & Finance with a Year in Industry—BSc (Hons)

What did you want to be when you were 8? An Accountant... just kidding, a Pilot.

Favourite way to relax? Portelet Beach or on a boat out at sea

Favourite place to eat? Thai Smile Favourite possession? My car

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Tamsin D'Orleans

Corporate Services Trainee at Sanne

What made you choose to work for SANNE?

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What professional training have you done?

None previously. I am though currently studying towards my ICSA Level 4 qualification, which is something completely different from what I was used to at university. This new type of learning was one of the reasons for wanting to enter into the world of financial services.

What do you do on an average day?

I work within a team as part of a larger department looking after Employee Benefit Trusts and providing Corporate Business Services to a wide range of international companies and structures. On a regular basis I am corresponding with clients, preparing minutes, undertaking reconciliations,

on-boarding clients, doing KYC checks, completing special projects; anything and everything to do with Trust and Company.

What is your next step?

My focus is to work towards my ICSA professional qualification in order to advance my knowledge of the industry I work in and towards my personal development. I am also looking forward to making the most of any opportunities presented to me, as I am always keen for something new to get to grips with.

What advice would you give yourself as a graduate considering the experience you have now?

Getting a job isn't as scary as you think; don't stress and just be yourself in interviews. You want to work somewhere that likes you as you are, not for what you pretend to be. Be confident in your skills and make the most of volunteering and training opportunities at university, these don't just look good on your CV, but also provide practical experience that you can apply to a multitude of situations, both within and outside of the work environment

Age: 21

University attended: University of Liverpool Course: BA History and Criminology Joint Honours

What did you want to be when you were 8 years old? Teacher

Favourite way to relax: Drawing and Reading Favourite place to eat in Jersey: Mark Jordan's for dinner, Rhona's for breakfast.

Favourite possession: My pets, I'm like a parent I can't only choose one.

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Ellie Wood

Trainee at Mourant

Age: 25

Degree subject: Law

What did you want to be when you were 8? To be famous!

Favourite way to relax? Lying on a beach in Ibiza.

Favourite place to eat in Jersey?

No.10 – my favourite dish is the octopus plus the cocktails are great too!

What do you do on an average day?

My day is quite varied and typically involves phone calls with admin teams and counsel across our offices, drafting minutes and attending board meetings with senior colleagues, generating documents for a particular matter and having internal catch ups to discuss progress on specific work streams. I work in a really supportive team with great people which I think is really important when you're still learning, so a lot of my day also involves asking lots of questions!

What is your next step?

To pass my Jersey law exams over the coming two years to become a qualified Jersey lawyer.

What advice would you give to those about to embark on a career in law?

Don't follow the crowd! Make sure you research and consider all the options available to you while still at university. When I interviewed at Mourant following my degree, I intended to work in Jersey for a year before going on to study the LPC and hopefully get a training contract in London, same as the rest of my uni friends. It was only in the interview that I was asked if I'd consider becoming Jersey qualified and then my whole career goals changed. And here I am, two and a half years later at a firm I love, doing my Jersey exams with a lifestyle that's much more suited to me than if I'd have embarked on a training contract in the city.



Michael Edwards

Associate at Mourant

Degree subject: Philosophy
What did you want to be when you were 8? The usual –
footballer, musician, pro wrestler
Favourite way to relax? Music, movies, being outdoors
Favourite place to eat in Jersey? Kismet Cabana at Ouaisne

What do you do on an average day?

Between the hours of 9am and about 6 pm, I do a combination of corresponding internally and externally, managing and drafting documents and researching/building up knowledge. An interesting aspect of working at Mourant is the amount of cross-jurisdictional work we do and the amount of overseas laws, cultures and market forces you get to learn something about.

What is your next step?

Building a solid professional reputation and continue to learn from senior colleagues.

What advice would you give to those about to embark on a career in law?

If you'd like a career in law, I recommend that you acquire as varied a range of experiences as possible and don't treat any one good or bad experience as final. Some aspects of the law can be abstract, so it's good to have another discipline/interest to further engage your mind. Separately, aim to become very IT proficient. Finally, identify a positive role model that inspires and motivates you and remember often your inner voice will be the best guide of all. Most of all, enjoy it!

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Maya Barker

Age: 20
Degree Subject/Education:
Beaulieu/Highlands – Beauty Therapy Level 3
What did you want to be when you were 8:
Police officer or teacher
Favourite way to relax: running a bath and lighting candles
Favourite place to eat in jersey: Tenby & Café Zephyr

What made you choose a career with Mourant Governance Services?

I was previously a beauty therapist wanting to start something new and different. Mourant was highly recommended to me as a place full of opportunities, experience and overall great work environment to begin my new journey. Since starting here, everyone has been really welcoming and supportive - there's a real sense of team spirit and I've found the work ethic amazing.

What do you do on an average day?

As I'm a trainee administrator of a corporate team, each new day can be very different from the last. Often I will be involved in the incorporation of new companies, annual statutory filings and everyday administration like updating statutory records or special requests from the clients.

What is your next step?

In the near future, with the support and encouragement of Mourant, I am aiming to start studying for the ICSA diploma.

What advice would you give to those about to embark on a career in governance services/accounting?

Take every opportunity that is offered to you, especially when it comes to studying because once you get that qualification you have it for life. Even if you decide to change your career path, you'll always have that to go back to.



Emily Le Conte

Age: 21

Degree Subject / Education: BSc (Hons) International Financial Services
What did you want to be when you were 8? A vet
Favourite way to relax? Spending time with family and friends
Favourite place to eat in jersey? El Tico

What made you choose a career with Mourant Governance Services?

Initially I was on a two day a week placement coinciding with my degree at the Jersey International Business School, which provided me with key industry experience to consolidate classroom theory, as well as offering the opportunity to work for a well-respected firm in the offshore market. On completion of my degree, I was offered the opportunity to take up a role full time. Choosing a career with Mourant Governance Services was an easy decision given the focused mentoring and professional development offered by the firm. Mourant has provided me with the perfect platform to begin my career and ultimately reach my full potential.

What do you do on an average day?

My average day varies depending on the colleagues I'm assisting. The diverse portfolio of clients means my workload can range from general company secretarial duties such as company incorporations, drafting and amending statutory documentation to attending new business take on meetings, playing an active role in ongoing transactions and meeting key clients of the firm.

What is your next step?

I will begin studying towards the Chartered Governance Institute's Level 5 International Finance and Administration Qualification in the New Year.

What advice would you give to those about to embark on a career in governance services / accounting?

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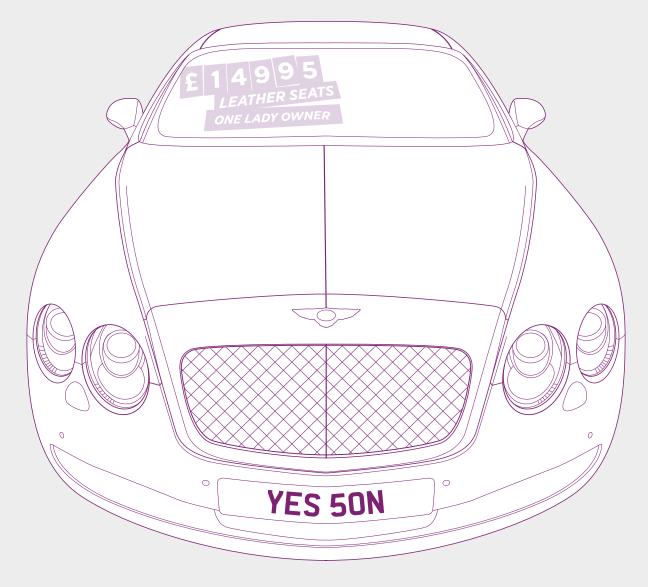
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There have been plenty of cars that've unexpectedly become worth a small fortune over the years, and speculating about what the next solid investment vehicle (that's actually a vehicle) might be can yield some unexpected results. This car though, this car... isn't one of those.

But it is jolly-well cheap for what it is.

Once the preserve of aristocrats, respected world leaders and the Sultan of Brunei, around the turn of this century Bentley bigwigs decided that their vehicles were taking too much market share from stablemate Rolls Royce, prompting the decision to introduce a mass-produced, rather than coach-built, model to their range.

In 2003 that model arrived in the form of the Continental GT, with its disappointingly plastic grille and bargain-basement price tag of around a mere £110,000, making it the most accessible Bentley in the marque's history. Add to that a top speed of 208mph according to a road test carried out by a very prominent British magazine, the departure from that 6.75 litre V8 that originally powered Noah's Ark in favour of Volkswagen's barmy W12 engine (essentially two VR6 motors in one) with a couple of turbos bolted on for good measure, and a clock on the dashboard courtesy of Breitling and you had a recipe for converting the G in gansta-rapper from Mercedes' G-Wagen to Bentley's GT. Why put your name down for an old-fashioned looking Arnage Red Label when you could get this newly-designed Bentley model for sixty G's less, after all?

The spec on these cars is expectedly huge, with seats that'll massage you and I'm absolutely convinced that the heated seats go up to six, which isn't quite a This is Spinal Tap homage, but it still begs the question; why not just make 5, warmer? (See Gallery issue 48, December 2008). It's got a staggering 550 to 600 horsepower depending on the version, has aged incredibly gracefully and you can now pick one up for just fifteen grand. Fifteen grand! In all honesty, I thought they were probably a half decent buy at £40k a couple of years ago. With depreciation as epic as the rate at which it'll consume petrol, what have you got to lose? Far less than anyone selling a one-owner example, that's for sure.

If one wishes to waft effortlessly across Europe in a heartbeat and isn't afraid to plunge a few quid into fixing things when one's vehicle becomes a bit squiffy, now's your chance. Don't get me wrong; I don't reckon that a Continental GT is going to make a good investment (although a similarly-priced Arnage might well do, especially the rarer BMW-engined version and one) but if you're willing to take a punt on a luxury car for the price of a modern hatchback the Continental GT could be worth investigating. Very, very carefully.

Steering clear of anything on Autotrader that looks 'murdered-out' in black on black on black with drug-dealer black window tints, or anything with a dubious duotone vinyl wrap that could've once been owned by a division one footballer - just in case the rear seats

have seen things that only two people have ever seen and might not wish to see again - there seem to be some honestlooking bargains to be had. As you might expect, there are a few with intergalactic mileages being advertised, but that's probably a testament to Volkswag... I mean Bentley's excellent engineering prowess, so with that in mind maybe go for one with under 100k on it in the hope that it goes for another 100,000 miles without too much bother. At the time of writing, there were 54 Continental GTs and Flying Spurs for sale on Autotrader for under £20,000 and I'll be genuinely surprised if they get much cheaper - at this price you might as well run them into the ground or break them for spares when something fails in a spectacularly expensive fashion. Even if you aren't looking for a potentially risky grand-tourer at a great price, it's worth perusing them on Autotrader purely to amuse yourself by admiring the vast array of hilariously crap number plates attached to some of them (D11YMO and M1 KFC are two of my favourites).

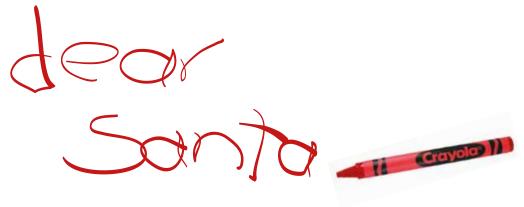
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With fixed-price servicing plans available from dealers in the UK, notably one that'll provide one major and one minor service for £1,620 (also payable in monthly instalments of £90), munching up miles in one of these British-ish bruisers might not be as financially painful as you'd expect. Of course, if it does all go pear-shaped you'll probably be able to claw back all of the money you've shovelled in over time by parting it out, if you can be bothered.

Buy one, cross your fingers, enjoy a warm massage and some ice-cold AC, ignore the frequency with which you have to fill it up and run it into the ground, I say. Tell everyone you'll be replacing it with an electric car in 2040 when it finally reaches its end of life anyway so it might as well continue being driven until then, and keep an eye out for environmental activists waiting to hurl balloons filled with red paint at you.

Sure, there are plenty of excellent used cars out there in the sub-£20k bracket, but none of them with the slightly watered-down prestige of Crewe's second finest brand. Having extolled the virtues of meagre-priced modern Bentley though, personally I rate the kingfisher blue 1992 Bentley Turbo R (pictured) that's on Autotrader at just £8,500 as an excellent way to see absolutely zero financial return on investment. But it does look a million dollars... Oof.

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To those people who haven't got kids, the classic Christmas movie 'Jingle All The Way' seems like a hilarious fictional comedy jape. To those who do have children, it's a hard-hitting documentary about the dangers of leaving your Christmas shopping to the last minute.

Here we are in December just a few sleeps from the big day. Letters composed in very best hand-writing have been posted off to the North Pole in the hopes that this year's must-have toy is glistening under the tree on Christmas Day, and Mums & Dads the world over are hoping against hope that Santa works his magic. But what are those must-haves for 2019? Well I've been Facetiming old St Nick and he's given me the inside track on what the good little girls and boys will be unwrapping this year...



PICTIONARY AIR

Nothing says Christmas like a good old-fashioned board game with the family; so I'm not sure what says Christmas now that board games have started going high-tech. Pictionary is the latest to join the digital revolution, following in the footsteps of everyone's favourite Monopoly.

Doing away with the requirement for an easel and reams of wasted paper, Pictionary Air comes with only a pack of clue-cards and the Air Pen, powered by 1 x AA battery. Instead of putting pen to paper, the nominated artist must draw their allocated object in the air, whilst the accompanying app displays the sketch on your smartphone or camera screen.

An infinite canvas and the ability to interact charades-style with your artwork guarantees big laughs, and the ability to cast to a smart TV gives everyone their 60 seconds of on-screen fame.

Pictionary Air is £16 from The Entertainer



BUZZ LIGHTYEAR

Some toys are unique to each generation, and some withstand the test of time. Walk into a toy shop this December and you could be forgiven for thinking you've walked straight into 1995, with rows of Buzz Lightyear action figures stretching as far as the eye can see.

The release of Toy Story 4 earlier this year has introduced beloved Buzz and his sidekick Woody to a new generation, and you've got to admire the merchandising genius behind a kids' film that features actual toys and has strung out the sequels for 24 years.

New-Gen Buzz performs 20 sounds and phrases, features pop-out wings and light-up lasers, and in a jump into infinity (and beyond) can walk and turn un-aided, a skill that his 1995 predecessor could only dream of. Kids aged 3 to 33 will love him.

Interactive Buzz Lightyear is £27.99 from The Entertainer

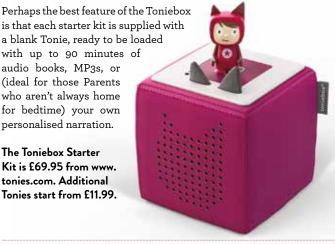
TONIES TONIEBOX

Tipped to be the top of every wish list this Christmas, the Toniebox is an innovative and clever audio system designed specifically for children.

Colourful, water resistant and robust, the cube shaped speaker is activated by placing a 'Tonie' figurine on the top, which then acts as stop, start, rewind and fast forward controls easy for small hands to master. A whole range of collectible 'Tonies' are available, each preloaded with their own songs or stories, including favourites as loved as the Gruffalo or The Snowman. There are lullabies for younger children and audio-documentaries for older inquisitive minds.

is that each starter kit is supplied with a blank Tonie, ready to be loaded with up to 90 minutes of audio books, MP3s, or (ideal for those Parents who aren't always home for bedtime) your own personalised narration.

The Toniebox Starter Kit is £69.95 from www. tonies.com. Additional Tonies start from £11.99.





HARRY POTTER INVISIBILITY CLOAK

Ever since The Philosopher's Stone was published in 1998, kids (and big kids) have dreamt of owning their own invisibility cloak, and I'm fairly sure that everyone has a strong idea of what their first act of invisible mischief would be.

Finally after 21 years of waiting, our muggle prayers have been at least partially answered! This good quality, authentically printed cloak is supplied with an activation code for the accompanying 'Wow! Stuff' app which once installed allows users to achieve at least the illusion of invisibility!

View, film or photograph using the app on a smartphone or tablet and let your imagination run free; Kids will love bamboozling Granny & Grandad as they disappear from view whilst recreating iconic movie scenes. All mischief made is entirely at your own risk.

The Harry Potter Invisibility Cloak is £39.99 from www.smythstoys.com



OWLEEZ

Perfect for those children that want a pet for Christmas, and also for those parents that do not, Owleez is an interactive baby owl, supplied with her own nest, who needs the love and attention of a small human in order to spread her wings and (literally) fly.

Owleez responds to tickles, cuddles and kisses with over 100 sounds and movements, and her colour changing eyes reflect her mood. Through plenty of feeding and encouragement once strong enough she'll surprise everyone by taking flight and soaring through the air!

Recharging whilst sitting on her USB enabled nest, Owleez can still be played with whilst charging and manages 4-5 flights per charge.

Owleez Flying Baby Owl is £39.99 from The Entertainer



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SPORTSPERSON OF THE MONTH:

Lucy Woodward

Lucy Woodward isn't just an athlete, but a heptathlete! So, when we went on the hunt for a 'gifted' sportsperson to feature for our December edition, it was kind of a no-brainer.

Tell us Lucy, how and when did you first get into heptathlon?

I took up athletics when I was 9 years old and had a good group of friends that I trained with. One of their mums happened to be an ex-heptathlete and she introduced us to multiple events - I think that's what stopped me from specialising in just one event early on. Since then, I've loved athletics and multi-events. I was competing in the UK doing quadrathlons and pentathlons from a young age, then progressed to heptathlon at 15.

So, why heptathlon? Why not just one sport?

I had been training in a range of events from a young age, so over the years became fairly evenly spread and enjoyed every single one of them! I've thought of just specialising in long jump in the past, but I enjoy training and competing in all of the other events so much that I couldn't imagine not doing them!

What would you say has been your proudest moment in the sport so far?

This year has been my biggest in sport, thanks to the work I've been doing with the Jersey Sports Foundation and all my coaches at Spartans. My proudest moment this season was winning the south-west regional heptathlon earlier this year. It was my first proper heptathlon and I was hoping to come top 4 to qualify for English schools. I didn't for a second think I would place first, so the experience really helped boost my confidence.

"I've thought of just specialising in long jump in the past, but I enjoy training and competing in all of the other events so much that I couldn't imagine not doing them!"

What are your hopes for the future?

I'm going to continue to work hard at the track and in the gym over the next few years, hopefully working towards the commonwealth games in Birmingham in 2022. I'm also looking to continue my athletics at university, whether that be in America, Bath or Loughborough. It would be an honour to represent Jersey for heptathlon in Birmingham, so I'm hoping that with the help of my coaches and the Jersey Sports Foundation I can get there.

What is a heptathlon?

Heptathlon is a track and field combined events contest made up of seven events. The name derives from the Greek hepta (seven) and áthlos (meaning 'feat'). The women's outdoor heptathlon consists of the following events, with the first four contested on the first day, and the remaining three on day two; 100 metres hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 metres, long jump, javelin throw, 800 metres





























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ZOE MARSHALL My dressing gown from my mum last Christmas. Dressing gowns solve a lot of things; from anxiety and depression, down to comfort and warmth.



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