

The Barb Wire



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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DISCERNING OLD BARBARIAN



25 Years Hard Labour for The Blue Overall Man

Paul Roberts, our maintenance man, this year clocked up 25 years of loyal service.

Paul has been instrumental in knocking down, building and reshaping much of what you now see at La Barbarie. In addition

to the maintenance work, Paul also takes pride in keeping the gardens rosy.

On receiving his Plastic Watch (batteries not included) Paul tells me he is now looking for a proper job!!!

A BIG THANK YOU Paul

I'd like mornings better if they started later.

80 Years Young!!

It was a real honour for us to be able to help regular Barbarian Jess Hartley celebrate her 80th birthday this May, on what was her 27th visit to La Barbarie.

During her weeks stay, Jess also enjoyed a surprise visit from her daughter.

The picture to the right is courtesy of The Guernsey Press who covered the story.



Another Happy Inspector

Following Visit Guernsey's Annual Inspection we are again pleased to tell you that our Quality Grading was increased for the third consecutive year.

2003: 77% 2004: 79% 2005: 80%

Reason to be cheerful. Probably our best offer ever. See back page for details.

NICE TO SEE:-

Mr and Mrs Ward:

The boy looks great in the cardi.

Mr Lane and family:

See you in 2007.
Don't forget the wine.

Mr and Mrs Potter:

with all the family.

Mr and Mrs Duff:

and a growd up Rebecca.

Mr and Mrs Darby:

Best wishes to
Scarlett Grace.

Rev Sumner:

Thanks for the
Sheepish Poem.

Mr and Mrs Cornwall:

Have you worn that dress
yet and thanks for the
garden advice.

Dr Cuhorst and
Rosemarie Clark:

Our lovely ladies
from Germany

Mr and Mrs Fox from Leeds

And all the other regular
guests, too many to mention,

THANKS!



Rita, Piedade, Vitor and Claudia

Now we all know that the girls do a great job but it's nice to be mentioned by those we fear most! This paragraph was in our latest AA Inspector's Report.

"The recently improved bathrooms add considerably to quality and comfort levels and together with the pleasant location are no doubt key factors in the number of repeat guests."

Housekeeping remains a great strength with sound attention to detail displayed throughout all areas of the hotel. Compliments to Piedade and her Housekeeping Team, a commendable standard."

For those of you who never throw your Barb Wire's away, a treat. Go back to issue 15 (Autumn 2003) and you will remember the announcement of the birth of Piedade's son Vitor. As you can see in our picture Vitor is growing fast and is the official Hoover Tester for Mum's team!

La Barbarie Golf Open 2005

'THEM' again kept hold of the trophy and, as in the Champions League, having won, what is affectionately known as the "Tacky Trophy" 5 times, they now get to keep it! (Ha Ha! He who laughs last and all that). Well done to Terry Hehir and Tim Yates.

Despite strange obstacles in funny hats suddenly appearing on the course 'THEM' kept their concentration to record a dodgy victory.



Tim has obviously benefitted from retirement and has sadly improved his game!

'THEM' and us at the finish.

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For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.

Mini Seafood Walking

No, not a tabloid headline, but our ever popular short breaks.
We will again be running these 3 night breaks in 2006.

Mini Break from £120 + Free Hire Car + Bottle of Bubbly.

Walking Break from £120 + Free Bus Rides + Bottle of Bubbly

Seafood Break from £210 + Free Hire Car + Bottle of Bubbly.

You can't have everything... where would you put it?

Caption Competition 2005



Celebrity Chef Brian Turner gives our Head Chef, Dave, some advice, but what could he possibly be saying?

Best caption wins a Lobster dinner for two. "I know, the prizes just get better and better" (ED).

Well done to Penny, Alan and Leon Dell who win a bottle of Berberana Reserva Rioja for "Ivo proudly presents the newest addition to the family after a smooth delivery by Bucktrouts." (See issue 16).

Strange but true



Travis, Ivo and Mr Ward

Regular guest Mr Ward from up north has taken a shine to our bar steward, Travis. So much so in fact, that he tells me he would like to take Travis 'uop thar' and plonk him in his Granny wing. "To dispense plonk?" I asked. "No", said the Yorkshire man, "To dispense of Granny!!"

So, if you see a lost lonely Granny on the Moors, please don't call us. Please call Nigel's wife Lynn, who of course has our complete sympathy.

Now, Travis with a Latvian/Yorkshire accent, eh uup thenski!!

2005 Good Food Awards

APRIL IN GUERNSEY - RESTAURANT AWARDS 2005

Throughout the month of April the island's finest restaurants competed for eight prestigious annual awards and put together special competition menus featuring the island's natural ingredients.

On Friday 29th April the results were announced and awards were presented to the winners.

Best Starter

La Barbarie

For their Pan-fried Scallops and Monkfish Tail with Chilli Salt Belly of Pork and Spinach Rocket Salad.

Comments from judges

'Superb. The flavours mixed really well and inspired me to look the next day to try and imitate the tastes.'

Remember the Cat Tail?

My thanks to Ros Jones who wrote to confess that she had taken pity on the Moggy which she christened Barbara (clever!)

Ros owned up to smuggling our fine food from the restaurant to feed said Moggy. It appears that 9 out of 10 cats prefer "Barbarie Cuisine." See, cats are like humans.



Old Barbarians Special Offer Autumn and Spring Breaks

October 2005 and March and April 2006

Valid

1 October until 29 October 2005

10 March 2006 to 30 April 2006

(excluding week 12 to 19 April 2006)

To celebrate our last month of the year and our reopening on 10 March 2006, we are pleased to offer exclusively to

OUR OLD BARBARIANS

Stay 3 nights plus and get an extra night **FREE**

i.e. stay 4, pay for 3, stay 5, pay for 4 etc.

Plus, a **FREE** bottle of Bubbly.

Based on two sharing and strictly on Bed and Breakfast terms only.

In addition to the above offer we will be running our very popular Mini Breaks, Seafood Breaks and Walking Breaks.

Please contact us or visit our website:

www.labarbariehotel.com

for all the information on our short breaks.



If you wonder where your child left his roller skates,
try walking around the house in the dark.

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