



The Barb Wire

The newsletter for the discerning old Barbarian

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New this year at La Barbarie.. Nothing!



In the last ten years, (More on this inside!) we have seen quite a few changes to La Barbarie Hotel. These changes have all been made in order to improve facilities, or make our hotel more lovely. The original façade was revealed two years ago, the old beams have now been uncovered and lovingly restored in the lounge. The pool has added to the attraction of eating outdoors in the quiet summer evenings and the conservatory has added to the ambience of our dining room. Reception was moved to allow more room for

our hard working girls and boys and to keep any noise to a minimum in the rooms above. Rooms that have coordinated soft furnishings, trouser presses and irons that is. And that's it. Apart from applying makeup to Assistant manager Stuart in an effort to make him look older and therefore not upsetting everyone with his youthful good looks, we don't intend to do much else. No disco. No drive-in cinema, and no chanting hooligans. The only time anyone might be disturbed

if they listen very quietly late on a Tuesday night – they might just hear the gentle mumbling of 'where's my key, where's my key' as Emmanuelle comes back from her night off.

Don't think we've given up however – it's just that in a lot of areas, we are happy with the way things are and we couldn't extend any further anyway.

We will not let our high standards slip (except maybe on the golf course) and look forward to welcoming every one of our readers back to La Barbarie very soon.

If you there are still restrictions on movement in the UK countryside at the time of reading this, consider a quick break to Guernsey where you can join a peaceful cliffwalk only minutes down the road.

Situated in the lanes, but streets ahead of the rest.

That's us.

**COLLECT AIRMILES WITH EVERY HOTEL BOOKING!
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NICKI'S OFF! NICKI'S BACK ON!

(Read it quickly)
Nicki Weetman our very 'bubbly' ex receptionist has returned to join our team! We would like to welcome her back to our little family. I also know that a lot of our regular guests will smile at the thought of Nicki handling their queries.

WINDOWS MILLENNIUM

Our usual winter redecoration programme has been in full flow and all the self catering apartments now have new double glazed windows installed. This helps 'drown' out the noise from the pool. And the screams from Adam's room presumably.

AIRMILES!

We are delighted to announce that we have joined the AIR MILES loyalty programme. We will be rewarding customers at the rate of one mile for every £2.00 spent on full price hotel accommodation.

Did you know that for just 450 miles, you could book a return flight to Guernsey from Gatwick, Southampton, Bristol, Luton, Plymouth, Cardiff or Exeter.

Originally the AIR MILES scheme was limited to flights on British Airways, but now you can book flights on British European, British Midland, Manx Airlines, Aer Lingus and Go (Electronic miles bookings only). If you are not an existing AIR MILES member, please register before booking your holiday. If you need a registration leaflet, we will gladly send one to you.

Conditions do apply, so please call for more details.

PRIZE WORDSEARCH

How many words can you find?

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c l i f f s b l u n c h r
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GUERNSEY ANNUAL RESTAURANT COMPETITION

At La Barbarie we are proud of our reputation for excellently prepared and presented, good value food. Consistency here is the key. In the Guernsey Restaurant Competition we have won the following awards:

In 2000, all entrants in the Annual Restaurant Competition were presented with copies of the judges scorecard – we would like to share the highlights with you (yes you).

1992 Gold Award	Score	
1993 Gold Award	Welcome (max. 20)	20
1994 Award of Excellence	Presentation (max.15)	15
1995 Award of Excellence	Food (max. 50)	46
1996 Award of Excellence	Service (max. 20)	20
1997 Award of Excellence	Ambience (max. 15)	13
1998 Award of Excellence	General (max. 10)	10
1999 Award of Excellence and Winners of best in Category- "Lunch"		
2000 Award of Excellence and Winners of best in Category- "£20 dinner"		

The most negative comment was in fact quite flattering as the judges, obviously enjoying refreshment from our extensive list commented that the wine glasses were too small!

See this year's menu at gourmet.guernsey.net

If you would like to come on bed and breakfast during April to try some of the 64 competition menus call Andy or Nicki quoting the 'Barb Wire BB Offer' and get 10% off the b&b rate. (Don't tell Chef David why you're here though)

A lot of things can happen in ten years. Look what's happened here...

March 7th 1991 was ten years ago, which funnily enough, it being Andrew Coleman's start date at La Barbarie - is the tenth anniversary of er.. Andrew Coleman's start date at La Barbarie. In this short/long (you decide) time, the hotel has become the proud daddy of a swimming pool, gained an award winning restaurant, given birth to 3 stars, run off with 4 crowns and has rocked to sleep a lot of friends - not to mention a few celebrities and a few people too drunk to leave the restaurant before their taxi

arrived. A quick word with Mr. Coleman's hairdresser will confirm that a few grey hairs have made a guest appearance. Though Andy's beautician informs us that it really is a natural glow and not make-up.



He's the King of the world...

ROY DUFF CONFOUNDS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Roy Duff sent us this poser... please send in your answers written on the inside of a latino maiden's dusky thigh to Andrew Coleman at the address overleaf...

Arsenal can't do it unless Wenger leaves

United have done it more than most

Liverpool have done it but not in the usual way

Everton, Oldham and Charlton have done it once

Wimbledon can't do it unless Palace go bust

WHAT IS IT?

Last Christmas was celebrated in usual La Barbarie style. It was - in a bizarre coincidence for the copywriter - our last Christmas as we will be closing during the festive season from now on.



A great Christmas tinged with sadness (it being our last one) was celebrated with gusto by a full supporting cast of entries for our Boxing Day

Oscar Night. The evening itself was well attended by the usual dignitaries. Like the 'real' Oscar's ceremony the whole cast of The Wizard of Oz arrived

first, along with The Flintstones and everybody's favourite outlaws, Maid Marion and Fryer Tuck made their usual dramatic appearance.

Our Very Special Special Summer Offer 2001

(1st May - 30th September 2001)

Special Summer Gourmet Break
3 nights half board for £290 per person



(Based on two people sharing a twin or double room)

Offer Includes:

Return flights from Southampton and Gatwick
(**including** airport departure tax and FREE parking
in Southampton and Gatwick - maximum 4 days)

3 nights half board with a splendid
'Seafood Extravaganza' on last night

FREE Group A hire car to meet your flight or delivered to hotel
(excluding petrol and insurance – please remember to bring your driving licence!)

FREE Airport transfers in Guernsey

Extra Nights Available:

Half board - May £40 per person per night
June to Sept. £47 per person per night

All bookings must be made direct with
the hotel quoting 'Special Summer Gourmet Break'

Other departure airports/ports are available subject to supplement

Booking in conjunction with ABTA Bonded Agent.

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