



# The Barb Wire



The newsletter for the discerning old Barbarian

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## La Barbarie triumphs in Guernsey Gourmet trials



Yes we scooped the board at this year's Gourmet Islands of Guernsey Restaurant Competition! As well as winning awards for Most Inventive starter, Best Service (congratulations to Adam and his team) and Best Menu in our category, La Barbarie was also awarded the accolade of The

Guernsey Eating Experience. The participating restaurants (all 64 of them!) were judged by a visiting panel of chefs from the UK chaired by Brian Turner (right) of Turners Restaurant, London and TV fame. So as we said in our last 'Barb Wire' – nothing new then – the same old standards!



**NEW! >>>> FASTRACK >>>> MISS OUT THE JOKES!**

**GO STRAIGHT TO THE SPECIAL WINTER GOURMET BREAK ON THE BACK PAGE.**



# TheNEWS

## TARIFF GRINDS TO HALT

Something has gone wrong with our tariff. No matter how we try, we just cannot seem to get it going. Handyman Paul (who incidentally claims that his title is Maintenance Manager) thinks that it may be seized, while Mr Coleman is convinced that the problem may be the plugs. Whatever it is, this turn of events means that we have had to leave the tariff where it is for 2001 and so THE PRICES FOR 2002 ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR!!!

## UNLUCKY FOR SOME

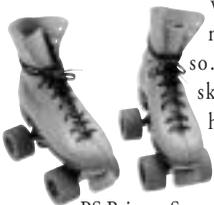
Or is it? As regular readers who count ('care' surely? – Ed) will have realised, this is issue 13 of the Barb Wire. So... just to see if anyone actually reads it, sorry – to reward our readers, just quote **Barb Wire 13** and book before 13th January 2002, and we will knock 10% OFF the price of your holiday accommodation for next year!

\* Not applicable to Winter 'Fly Drive' and 'Gourmet Breaks'.

## SOMETHING FISHY?

Mr and Mrs Woodley recently stayed with us, and being fans of our food (who isn't), they were looking forward to skate for tea. Unfortunately it

wasn't on the menu that week so... I'm on my skates and we'll have some for you next time - we promise!



PS Britney Spears sends her love!

## TRANSFER ACTIVITY

After 3 years of outstanding service to La Barbarie and her guests, Assistant Manager Stuart Smith has been reluctantly transferred to our sister hotel, Le Friquet Country Hotel on a 'Bosman free'. It is understood he was offered a position up front and an attractive signing on fee! (Rumours that he was offered his pick of the remaining Spice Girls remain unfounded).



Of course we miss him and wish him well, however all is not lost - was it not the great Jeff Beck who once claimed that "Every cloud has a silver... li-ning"? The lovely Joanna Pinder (left in pic.) who was managing our St. Peter Port Restaurant 'The Waterfront' (which has now been sold) made the short journey up to St. Martin's to take over from Stuart. Jo has filled Stuarts boots most admirably, (though she says that his shorts are a bit tight).

## FOOT AND MOUTH

Thorough disinfecting measures at our ports of arrival and the vigilance of both locals and visitors has meant that, at the time of writing, Guernsey remains free of the virus. Although the summer shows here were cancelled – due to the car parks

being situated on farmland – our beautiful cliffpaths and country walks are all still open.



We were honoured to be asked by regular guest Liz Wood to plant a rose in memory of her dear mum Wyn who sadly passed away. Liz and Wyn made many trips to La Barbarie and we have enjoyed lots of chuckles over the years.



The rose's first flowers came out this year.



**GLAMOROUS GRANNY**

This glamorous granny is our very own Jean who celebrated the arrival of Louis George on 21 August 2001. She has now booked her holidays at every Butlin's camp throughout England and intends to scoop all the prizes available for 2002. Then she'll probably open a prize shop. We all wish her and little Louis well, remember Jean - you can always hand him back to his mum so enjoy it!

Eat out for just  
**£10**

**Tennerfest**

Along with 47 other restaurants, we are again taking part in this year's Tennerfest, you eat out for £10 from 1st October – November 14th all over Guernsey - here's a sneak preview of our menu...

Barley and Vegetable Broth  
or  
Home-made Liver Pate flavoured with Orange and Cognac served with Cumberland Sauce  
or  
Moules Provençale  
▲  
Chicken A La King, "Monteith"  
*(A Casserole of Chicken, Pineapple, Peppers accompanied with Savoury Rice)*  
or  
Delice of Salmon napped with a Prawn and Chive Cream Sauce Served with Dauphinoise Potatoes  
or  
Oriental Vegetarian Stir-Fry  
▲  
Coffee

**THE ROY DUFF COLUMN**

There's a free hire car for one week – on me – to the sender of the best caption to accompany the picture on the right. The picture was taken during last summer and is of my beloved daughter Rebecca with that ol' scallywag Andrew Coleman (she's the one on the left)...



... and here's the picture that she drew for him.

Dear Rebecca,  
Thanks very much  
for my 'lellow' shirt and  
how's Peter Connelly?  
love Andy

*The answer to the football poser set by Mr Duff in the last issue was something about grounds being re-seeded. By the way we would like to apologise for the line "written on the inside of a latino maiden's dusky thigh" – it should have read "dusky latino maiden's thigh".*

# Winter Gourmet Break

1st October 2001 - 30th April 2002

3 nights for £255 per person

(Based on two people sharing a twin or double room booked on a half board basis)

Offer Includes:

**Return flights from Southampton or Gatwick**  
*including* airport departure tax.

Other departure airports/ports are available subject to supplement.

## **3 nights half board**

**On your last night enjoy  
a splendid seafood extravaganza**

(Fresh Guernsey Lobster, Crab, King Prawns, Smoked Salmon,  
Oysters, Prawns, Winkles and Whelks – all subject to availability)

## **Free Hire Car for 3 days**

To meet your flight or delivered to hotel.

(Excluding petrol and insurance. Please remember to bring your driving licence.)

## **FREE Airport transfers in Guernsey**

## **FREE Bottle of bubbly in your room on arrival**

Extra Nights Available:

Half board - £37 per person per night ( April £42)

Car hire - £12 per day excl. petrol and insurance

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

Booking in conjunction with ABTA Bonded Agent.

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