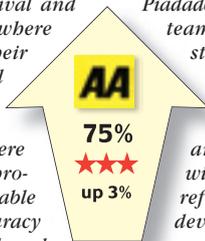


## An Inspector Calls 9/10/02

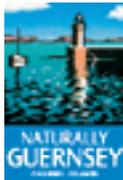
The AA inspector paid us a visit last October and made the following overview: "La Barbarie Hotel provides a special destination for its guests. When compared to 3 star classification requirements it over performs, and at this inspection achieves a commendable Quality Assessment score of 75%. Hospitality a continuing strength, was notable every point of contact met friendly management and staff offering pro-active

conversation perfectly pitched. Notable aspects were the booking - Emmanuelle, and arrival and departure - Nikki, where both impressed with their friendly and helpful disposition. Service was attentive and efficient, all staff were knowledgeable and pro-active. Cuisine was notable for its quality and accuracy with excellent use of fresh and

local produce easily maintaining One Rosette. Compliments also to Piadade and the housekeeping team, a commendable standard. Overall a most enjoyable guest experience, clearly the hotel is entering an interesting phase with plans for restaurant refurbishment, future developments will be monitored with interest."



## Another Inspector Calls 22/05/03



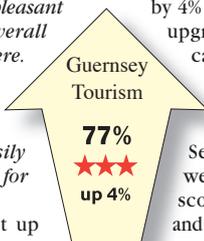
Then the Guernsey Tourist Board inspectorate paid us a visit, albeit with a much smaller notebook. They commented: "The delightful points of La

Barbarie are the efficient and very

friendly staff, the very pleasant dinner and the overall welcoming atmosphere. The hotel is in a quiet position and the surrounding very well maintained. It easily achieves the standards for the [3 star] award."

Our overall rating went up

by 4% which reflects the recent upgrade to the restaurant, carpets, more bathrooms being improved and Mr Coleman having his hair cut at last. Seriously though, (as if) we are very proud of these scores and promise to try and improve on them.



## A Decorator Calls



January was spent refurbishing the restaurant and we are pleased (relieved) to say that there has been unanimous approval of the new decor. We are sure that you will agree with us that the new look is fresh, modern but heck.. It's still the same old Barbarie that you know and love.





*Handing over the trophy. Again!*

## LA BARBARIE OPEN

It looks like THEM have done it yet again with Tim Yates amassing point after point on the back nine to secure yet another victory. Mr Coleman (Volvo) again won the 'nearest the pin' with a sweet 8 iron on the 6th and 'nearest the door' when the rounds were decided at the bar. Terry Hehir was not faint hearted and nearly did the 'hairy pig' jig as his drive from the tee on the 11th stopped within inches of a 'hole in one'. The way that young 'Cloughie' Smith (hire car) has been practising we are predicting a different story next year. (That's a relief - Ed!)

## LA BARBARIE CLOSED

Due to amount of practice required (see above), La Barbarie will be closed from Sunday 2 November 2003 and will re-open Friday 27 February 2004.

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Ivo Gomes (Audi) who first started at La Barbarie in December 1992. After opening Roberto's Restaurant in St. Peter Port he has decided that after 3 years of serving 'townies' a return to the country is the right thing to do.



*'I hope all the sheep jokes have stopped...'*



*A tax inspector calls.*

## ITS IMPORTANT TO BE REGULAR

According to our records (after a quick look) it now seems that some of you having been slowly increasing the regularity of your visits and indeed if it carries on at this rate, many of you will actually be living here in a few year's time! Rodney and Sue Jones of Somerset have just booked what

we calculate to be their 36th visit in 15 years. They have been loyally checking up on us since 1988 having tumbled across us exhausted from a cliff walk. Visit 37 is due in October - surely this is some kind of record.. unless of course...

## SPECIAL DELIVERIES

Following up on last issue's baby revelations, here they are:



Nicki (Flossie) Weetman (who will be delighted to take your bookings!) gave birth to Noah Jacob on 8th January 2003 weighing 7lb 12oz at 8.14am. (So she *could* have come to work that day).



Piadade (keep-your-room-clean) Canha is now the proud mum of Vitor, who was born at 11.10am on the morning of New Year's Eve weighing in at 8lb 2oz.

Both mum's are now back at work - they say they enjoyed their two-day break - and the boys are doing what only boys do when their mum's aren't watching!

## GUERNSEY RESTAURANT COMPETITION 2003

Again up there amongst the top six in Guernsey, judges comments where as follows: Good atmosphere for an hotel establishment. New and interesting decor. Staff excellent, superb quality meal and very enjoyable. Deserves to do well. Total points scored were 190 out of 200.

## LONG SERVICE MEDALS

Long service medals are due to the following long serving crew members of the Good Ship Barbarie...



*Paul Roberts*, (the van) here since December 1986. *An early centre spread*  
Builder, painter, electrician, plumber, gardener, love god and 'ulp;! Manchester United fan!

*Jean Ferguson* (Porsche), here since July 1991.

PA to Mr Coleman, agony aunt (again to Mr Coleman), mentor (yup - you guessed), wages clerk, interior designer, decorating tips, all round good egg, granny again (to Tatiana (12.4.03), tax avoidance officer - the list goes on...



*Pretty in pink*

*Stuart 'Smithie', 'Cloughie' Smith*, here for 6 years.

*Piadade Canba*, here for 6 years. Now proud mother.



*Nigel Clough*



Mr Coleman (he speaks through these pages) thanks Mrs Maureen 'Gaugin' Gettings for a lovely portrait. Now who did he play for - was it Manchester United or the 'Beatles'?

**WALKERS, RAMBLERS,  
ANYONE, QUICK! P T O**

## THE ROY DUFF COLUMN

Now longer!

### CAPTAIN CAPTION

As I sit here fondly stroking the large pile of caption entries my eyes slowly veer off out



*Deodorant! Quickly!*

of the window. (I really shouldn't have started on all that wine by myself). Wine winner Allan Taylor shows that he has been paying attention and offers the caption 'Ye-e-s Indian Summer and curry for breakfast!' and somebody called Herbert Cocks has shown that he really isn't paying attention by sending in ramblings that we just can't (be bothered to) print here. Liz Whitting from Gloucester - 'I said 'Bring me the Manager, not the mustard' and Pat Mills - 'OK So who the hell stole my fish?' also deserve honourable mentions and I will be buying them a drink (if they remind me).

### OLD JOKES HOME

Two men playing darts, one says 'Nearest the bull starts' so the other goes 'Baa' and he goes 'Moo' and the other man says 'OK you're closest'

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, 'I think I've lost an electron.' The other asks 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive ...

Send me your oldest jokes Mr Cox, er I mean reader and the best will win a golf lesson with Mr Coleman. The runner-up will receive two golf lessons... (I just can't stop myself, somebody help me...

# Enjoy a 3 day cliff and coastal path walking holiday in Guernsey

La Barbarie is ideally situated for walkers and ramblers not far from the beautiful south coast cliff path walks, the country lanes, nature trail and Bluebell Wood. Guests seeking walking holidays in Guernsey will appreciate 'Les Ruettes Tranquilles' - quiet country lanes where walkers, cyclists and horse riders have priority over normal motorised vehicles. See the views that inspired Renoir, meet the people that inspired Victor Hugo and enjoy the invigorating sea air that inspires a good nights sleep!



## Our 3 night package *includes:*

- Return flights from Gatwick or Southampton
- En suite accommodation
- Full English breakfast
- Daily packed lunch
- Return transfers from Guernsey airport
- Free guide book and map
- Free multi-journey 'Wave & Save' bus ticket (10 journeys)

All prices are based on two persons sharing and bookings must be made direct with the hotel quoting 'Walking Break' Booking in conjunction with ABTA Bonded Agent.

October 1st - November 2nd 2003.....	£220
February 27th - 30th April 2004 .....	£220
May 1st - 31st May 2004 .....	£240
June 1st - September 30th 2004 .....	£270

**Added value: Half board (5 course meal) just £14 per night  
Extra night available at normal tariff**

*If walking isn't your thing - we can offer our usual fly drive breaks - please call for details*

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