



The Barb Wire

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The newsletter for the discerning holiday maker (or "Old Barbarians" as we call them)

Special offer Gourmet Breaks

- A gourmet 3 night break featuring:
- Champagne in your room on arrival
- A la Carte dining on the first two nights
- Our famous five course Seafood Extravaganza on the last night!

Moules Mariniere

Charred Fillet of Seabass on a bed of Tempura Samphire with a Balsamic and Olive Oil dressing

Refreshing Fruit Sorbet

Seafood Platter to include: Lobster, Chancre, King Prawns, Scallops, Clams, Smoked Salmon, Smoked Halibut, Cockles, Peeled Prawns, Langoustine - accompanied by hot buttered new potatoes and seasonal salads (All these are, of course, subject to seasonal availability)

Fresh Fruit Platter

This offer also includes:

Return flights from Southampton or Gatwick

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B&B Accommodation

FREE Hire Car for 3 days to meet your flight or delivered to the hotel
(Excluding petrol and insurance)

Only £250 per person* available 20th October 1997 - 31st March 1998
Excluding Christmas (Extra nights available £18 per person bed & breakfast)

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Caption competition makes headline

Last issues competition sparked unprecedented scenes in our mail room - a f'ewe' letters poured in! Here are some of them along with the winner of a bottle of wine..



Three shears for Ivo!

Just a little thing, a caption competition on the back of your favourite newsletter and we have had literally *quite a few* entrants. Firstly, we had 'Ewe're Baa-ed', yes thank you Rita and David Chapman. Geraldine Harris from Kingsbridge reckons that 'Ewe's company - threes a crowd' and that we have 'Lamb on the menewe'.

Mrs Vera Crossley from Manchester asks 'Wool ewe stop rampaging around my baa?'.

All so far so good, then we come to a letter from Norman Whitfield from Kent. An old face - (but young body apparently) he has sent in a list of now fewer than seventeen entries. Look Norman - it's only

a bottle of wine!

The pick of the crop:

'Mummy Mummy - which one's the Eweman being?'

Ewe: 'That's funny - I thought I only gave birth to twins!' and 'Will we grow up to look like ewe, Ivo'? Norman signs his letter off - 'here's hoping' - too true Norman, too true..

Penny Dell from Herts. missed the point of a caption competition and sent in a short story. Ivo: 'I know we advertised for baa staff, but ewe're a bit diminewetive!'

Sheep 1: 'Yes, but we'd work for baagain wages!'

Sheep 2: 'And we're fluent in Portewegeese!'

Sheep 3: 'We could always help out with the menewe!'

Quite, but not quite. However, Penny has struck gold (or rather - wine) with her next effort and this issue's winner-

'A pint of Special Brewe please'.

Well done Penny.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

You are now reading (yes you are - you can't deny it!) our seventh 'Barb Wire' we do hope that you enjoy it and that the memories it will bring back of the hotel will be pleasant ones. We work very hard to produce what we hope makes you feel part of the 'Barbarie Family'. If you have any comments, stories or (ulp) criticisms, then please drop us a line. Also, if you know of anyone who might enjoy the slightly warped way in which we present ourselves then please let us know and we will gladly include them on our mailing list. Thank you for reading this far, there are only three pages to go..

Winter break specials still always available!

Due to new a new Guernsey Tourist Board grading system which gives more information on hotels, we are proud to announce that we have been awarded Four Crown HIGHLY COMMENDED with an 84% Quality Award.

This year's Annual Restaurant Competition saw us finish in the top six. Not bad you say? It was out of 52 restaurants!

Several people have been asking about what is happening in the long running saga of the new reception and lounge. We have at last been granted

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permission by the Island Development Committee to start work. This will commence in October.

At the 1997 Salon Culinare, held in March, our Chefs had success in three areas. Head Chef Tony Lawson - Winner of Class - Pate en Croute. John Howes - Winner in Class - Canapes; and Bernie

Bourke won a Merit Award for her Vegan Meal.

Having received permission to commence work on the new reception and lounge, our thoughts quickly turned to the car park. Plans have been submitted to the IDC to approve a landscaped brick paved parking area with space for a further dozen cars. A new hard surface will at last eliminate the noise created by our gravel. Should the plans be approved then we hope to create a safer no parking zone around the pool and in front of the self catering apartments.

FUN WITH COMPUTERS

'The Barb Wire' ~ three simple words and the title of your favourite newsletter that comes from La Barbarie three times a year. Put these little words in the hands of somebody and his 'anagram' computer program and who knows where it will lead...

Ivo whistled a merry tune as he sat at the BAR WITH BEER in hand. It had been a fruitful day with great results. He'd managed to buy a EWE BIRTH BRA for his vet friends birthday present and had managed to get a dry cleaning gift voucher for his wife. (She was always dirtying HER WATER BIB).

'Oy 'Brew breath', shouted the barman, 'BREW BREATH I?' Ivo was astonished that the man could be so cheeky to the man who had found him a job. Ivo had met the new barman cutting

hair in the jungle. The hairdresser hadn't really fitted in there, so he had asked Ivo to help him find him a job in Guernsey. 'Sorry', offered the former WHITE BARBER.*

Ivo didn't like people mentioning his BREWER HABIT, in fact he'd paid Churchill off not to mention it 50 years ago. THE WAR BRIBE worked. That was the last time HE THREW A BRIBE.

Then he got up and went home and had his tea with his little baby.



* Tenuous I know

COMPETITION CORNER

Win yourself a 'bottle of wine' by answering this 'simple' 'question'.



Just whose feet are these?

- a) Patty O'Doors?
(this year's Christmas 'entertainment')
- b) Jan Leeming?
- c) Baarholemewe?
(or however you spell it?)*
*(this is what's known as a 'running gag')

Letters

Sheep not funny

Dear The Barb Wire,
Having stayed at La Barbarie for the first time last, year (1996), we now receive The Barb Wire each edition. We understand that that we are now officially known as 'Old Barbarians' which we do think is a really funny joke.

However, we cannot understand why a little sheep called Baarholemew (or however you spell it)* should be so popular and as for all the sheep puns, they are hurtful, cruel and certainly do not amuse us. We would be grateful if you could refrain from this puerile nonsense in future or we will be cancelling our subscription.

Larry and Barbara Lamb Woolwich

Dear The Barb Wire,
I agree with the above letter.

A Shearer Shepherd's Bush

Dear The Barb Wire,
And Me.

Rosemary Sauce Euston

Two hydrogen atoms walked into a bar. One said, 'I think I've lost my electron!', 'are you sure?' asked his companion, 'Yes I'm positive'.

Revelations

In this brand new feature we quiz a well known face' from La Barbarie - the first victim of Revelations' is, of course, Manager ~Andy Coleman



What was your first job?
I actually started out as a trainee circus ringmaster - believe it or not!

Why did you come to Guernsey?
To get away from it all, the stench of the elephants, the clowns sneering glances, the girls..

Running a busy hotel all year round must be quite tiring? ZZZZZZZ..

Andy! Where am I? Sorry, dropped off..

You don't miss the circus then?
Not at all, it's really not as glamorous as people think.

What other jobs have you done?
Working in the bookies in Coronation Street.., the comedy circuit..

How long have you been in hotel management then, 50 years?
No it just feels like it!

What other job would you have liked?
Taking Manchester United down to the Third Division.

Do you think that the sheep jokes are wearing thin?
Are you baaaaaarmy? Are you maaaaaad?

Who would be your perfect dinner partner(s)?
It has to be John and Barbara Cox who manage to sneak me out of the hotel when they visit. It's always a great evening -but it's always a bad morning!

Where do you read the Barb Wire?
Where does anybody read the Barb Wire?

Andy, do you think that anyone's going to believe this?
I'm sorry, I have tried somewhat to deceive in my answers.

Well, you didn't fool me with the circus stuff!
No that's all true! But my perfect dinner partner would be just Barbara Cox! (Is my wife going to see this?)

GOLF NEWS La Barbarie Open was again won by 'them'. The visiting team of Terry Hehir, Tim Yates and 'Spotter' Barnet. Tim - nice birdy you pulled on the 7th!