



Jersey Evening Post  
**TASTEJERSEY**

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## Fusion

**L'HORIZON**  
— BEACH HOTEL & SPA —  
ST BRELADE'S BAY, JERSEY

### L'HORIZON TASTE JERSEY FUSION MENU

#### STARTER

##### Mulligatawny (V) £7

Spiced lentil soup, yoghurt, toasted coconut, pickled quail eggs

##### Tandoori Halloumi (V) £8

Jersey yoghurt tandoori marinated halloumi, crispy cauliflower bhaji, pomegranate molasses gel

##### Jersey Scallops £12

Pan seared Kerala spiced scallops, compressed watermelon, coconut curry

##### Chancre Crab £11

Chaat masala marinated mango, chancre crab, pickled beetroot, lime chilli mayonnaise, shaved coconut

##### Duck Leg £10

Confit duck leg arancini ball, madras spiced mayonnaise, Jersey yoghurt raita

##### Carpaccio £12

Rogan Josh marinated venison loin, cumin spiced Jersey Royal potato salad, crisp garlic, mint gel

#### MAIN

##### Beetroot (V) £16

Mixed beetroot tandoori, lemon basmati rice and raspberry chutney

##### Portobello Mushroom (V) £16

Stuffed Portobello mushroom with saag paneer, crisp onions, chickpea and Jersey Royal potato curly

##### Seafood £19

Local Jersey fish and seafood, light curry sauce, charred tender stem broccoli and foraged sea herbs

##### Atlantic Cod Fillet £18

Kerala spiced cod, curried cauliflower and mango textures

##### Dorset Lamb £19

Six hour braised lamb shank masala, crushed Jersey Royal potatoes, garlic green beans and pickled shallots

##### Pork £17

Confit ginger chilli belly pork, glazed La Mare brandy apples, curry apple sauce, local pumpkin textures

#### DESSERT

##### Bhapi Doi £7

Jersey yoghurt panna cotta, Jersey rhubarb tart, vanilla ginger cream

##### Coconut £7

Coconut mousse, compressed rum infused pineapple, La Mare gin syrup soaked mini doughnut

##### Dark Chocolate £8

Dark chocolate chilli ganache, poached baby pear, Jersey vanilla ice cream

##### Carrot Halwa £8

Carrot Halwa, carrot cake, cream cheese and local honey parfait

##### Mango Kulfis £8

Frozen mango and Jersey cream kulfis, mint tea gel, meringue, poppy seed tuile

##### Jersey Ice Cream £2 (per scoop)

Our ice cream is produced with Jersey milk and cream

### OVERNIGHT STAY OFFER

Special rate of £75 per night, in a Classic  
Double room, throughout Taste Jersey

This unique celebration of Island food and drink runs from  
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## Liberated by Force 135

# The Island is

In the 75th anniversary year of the Liberation, the JEP is publishing extracts from local historian Mark Lamerton's new two-volume history: *Liberated by Force 135*

*As Liberation Day approached, the German commander continued to believe that Germany had a role to play in redefining Europe, but Islanders' thoughts moved to the more immediate task of preparing for Liberation, as Mark Lamerton describes in the second extract from *Liberated by Force 135*.*

THE German Commander of the Channel Islands, Vizeadmiral Hüffmeier, had arrived in Jersey, by boat, from Guernsey during the afternoon of Saturday, 5 May. A meeting took place on Sunday morning, 6 May, with the Vizeadmiral; Korvetten-Kapitän Kurt von Kleve, the Platzkommandant (German Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Jersey); the Bailiff, Alexander Coutanche; and the Attorney-General, Charles Duret Aubin; in a house at Mount Bingham, St Helier. The Vizeadmiral had told the group that circumstances had changed. That Britain and the Americans were going to join forces with the Germans to fight the Russians...

The Vizeadmiral was in favour of the Bailiff making a reassuring statement to the population – as some Islanders had begun to taunt the soldiers – which appeared in 'The Evening Post' on Tuesday, 8 May, and he also agreed for loudspeakers to be erected in the Royal Square in order that Islanders could hear Winston Churchill's speech, which was to be broadcast on the afternoon of 8 May. The Bailiff in turn had to do what he could to prevent Jersey and British flags from being flown in public prior to the event and encourage the people of Jersey to keep quiet and not make any demonstrations. This was due to the occurrence of several minor incidents, through civilians baiting Germans, and some Islanders had been too premature in hoisting their flags. The Bailiff reminded the Vizeadmiral that the Occupation had been going on for a long time and that rumours were flying around the island that the war in Europe was to end in a day or two. This announcement had been broadcast by the BBC and heard by Islanders listening illegally to their wireless sets. He also asked for his co-operation as far as possible in ensuring that the German troops in St Helier were kept out of sight. During Sunday afternoon Vizeadmiral Hüffmeier left for his Headquarters in Guernsey.

Von Cleve, later told the Bailiff that he was relieved that Grossadmiral Dönitz and not Himmler had succeeded Hitler as he thought Hüffmeier was more likely to obey an order to surrender from a superior naval officer...

During the morning [of 8 May] school children were sent home and loudspeakers appeared in various places in St Helier, in the Royal Square, on the former Picquet House, right down as far as Midland Bank in Library Place and opposite Woolworths. School had begun as usual that morning for pupils at Victoria College. At 11am the school assembled in Hall and was addressed by the Headmaster, Mr. Tatum, who advised pupils of the Victory broadcasts scheduled for later that day. The National Anthem was sung, after five years, and College was dismissed till 14 May. Meanwhile the Prefects, with the help of the College Porter and Carpenter and the ever helpful 'Reg' Nicolle were struggling with the newly painted flag-staffs. All three were up by 1.45pm, complete with new halyards, in readiness for the Prime Minister's Address after which



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Mark Lamerton,  
*Liberated by Force 135*

flags were to be hoisted in celebration.

Harold Carter, Headmaster of St Lawrence Parochial School, had heard the news on his crystal set of the impending Liberation of the Channel Islands and so, while pupils of all the other island schools were released at lunchtime today he kept all his pupils behind. The piano was wheeled out into the playground and, under the noses of the German troops who were watching, the Union Flag was raised as 'Rule Britannia' was sung.

The day's edition of 'The Evening Post' carried a 'Message to the People of Jersey from the Bailiff' on the front page. The message read as follows: 'I appeal to you to maintain your calm and dignity in the hours that lie ahead and to refrain from all forms of demonstration. It is my earnest wish that services should be held in all places of worship in the same manner as services are being held in the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. I feel that the conclusion of the Prime Minister's speech this afternoon will be the appropriate moment for the hoisting of flags, and I make the strongest appeal to you, in the interests of public order, not to fly flags before that time. I was present last evening at the release from custody of the majority of the political prisoners and I am doing all in my power to obtain the immediate release of the remainder of them. I shall make known to you immediately any further developments.'

Nearly five years [previously] a crowd of several hundreds stood in the Royal Square round a white cross painted on the flagstones and heard the Bailiff of Jersey commit them to God's good care and announce that the island was to be occupied that very day by the forces of Nazi Germany which had swept to the neighbouring coast. Gone now was the white cross, smiles shone from every face, for the crowd was there to hear the voice of Britain's grand Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, declare the end of hostilities and the Bailiff tell them how this affected the island.

# freed at last



■ Islanders unable to fit into the Royal Square on 8 May listened to the speeches on loudspeakers in adjacent streets  
Picture: BOB LAWRENCE

While the crowd gathered in the Royal Square, old English airs were played on an amplified gramophone. One might have expected the crowd to sing when songs like 'There will always be an England' came through the speakers, but they did not. There was an air of restrained expectancy as if the people did realise all that the occasion meant, the end of five years of foreign domination; of the sight of foreign uniforms; of the sound of the harsh German tongue everywhere; the dawn of freedom; freedom of speech and thought; the end of fear of the informer and the quisling, and what appealed to many who thought of it, freedom to listen to one's wireless again without putting out 'outposts' to guard against surprise. People seemed at first not to realise all this and much more, but gradually the conviction grew that this was not just one more of millions of rumours, which have flown about in the last five years but reality at long last.

The Bailiff, Alexander Coutanche, had had a microphone erected in a room of the States Building facing the Royal Square. Shortly before 3pm he went onto the balcony of the Royal Court and when the chimes of the Town Church clock rang out three o'clock Winston Churchill began to speak. The crowds heard a voice, as if from heaven, say: 'Yesterday morning at 02.41 hours at General Eisenhower's headquar-



ters General Jodl, the representative of the German High Command and of Grand-Admiral Dönitz, the designated head of the German State, signed the document of unconditional surrender of all German land, sea and air forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Force, and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command... [In] the interest of saving life the "Cease Fire" began yesterday to be sounded all along the front, and our dear Channel Islands are also to be freed today.'



■ The Bailiff, Alexander Coutanche, addresses the crowds from the States Building in the Royal Square on 8 May 1945 Picture: DAMIEN HORN COLLECTION



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## CHÂTEAU LA CHAIRE

### TASTE JERSEY TASTING MENU

#### 1ST COURSE

**Butternut Soup**  
crispy cheese, seeds, jersey honey

#### 2ND COURSE

**Jersey Scallops**  
parsnip, leek, chicken

#### 3RD COURSE

**Crispy Smoked Ham**  
white beans, carrot, apple, parsley sauce

#### 4TH COURSE

**Red Wine Poached Brill**  
roasted hispi cabbage, lentils, bacon

#### 5TH COURSE

**Lamb Rack & Braised Neck**  
lyonnaise potato, peas, minted lettuce

#### 6TH COURSE

**Peaches & Cream**  
roasted almond, lemon verbena

#### 7TH COURSE

**Local Duck Egg Chocolate Tart**  
sour cherry, amaretto

£75 per person

### OVERNIGHT STAY OFFER

£259.00

Inclusive of:  
Accommodation in a classic double room  
Full jersey afternoon tea  
Taste Jersey dinner menu  
Full Jersey breakfast  
plus

Hand tied bouquet of flowers, pink champagne truffles & half bottle of taittinger in the room on arrival

Superior room upgrades £20 per room. Saturday supplement £20 per room. Afternoon tea is offered on a day of arrival, no vouchers or substitutions will be given if not taken. Offer is not available on Tuesdays. £100 deposit will be required to secure the reservation

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