

La Terrasse

Jersey Scallops and La Robeline Sausage
Granny Smith, La Mare Mare cider beurre blanc

Wild Mushroom Consommé
Cauliflower and truffle tortellini, wild garlic

Confit Turbot
Marrow bone, pot au feu vegetables, matelote

Jersey Beef Fillet & Oxtail
Morels, Jerusalem artichokes

Warm Crottin de Chavignol
Jersey gache soldiers, confiture de raisins

Apple Souffle
Black butter ice cream

£65 PER PERSON

Optional wine pairing available

1st April - 7th May 2022 at La Terrasse Restaurant
Friday and Saturday from 6.30pm until 8.30pm (last orders)

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Temps passé

Stay or go – the



Local historian Mark Lamerton with his book on the Liberation Picture: DAVID FERGUSON

In the first of a three-part series, **Mark Lamerton** tells the contrasting wartime stories of his mother as an evacuee and his father who remained in Jersey

AUTHOR of the definitive history of the liberation of the Channel Islands, *Liberated by Force 135*, Mark Lamerton has researched countless archive and contemporary documents but the experiences of his own family provide the raw material for two contrasting stories illustrating the dilemma facing all Islanders in June 1940. Should they remain in the Island or take advantage of the possibility to evacuate?

In this series, abridged from a longer article, he begins with his maternal grandparents, who were to be parted by almost five years of Occupation.

Evacuees: The Warder family

Philip Godfrey Warder, known as Phil, was born in Lymington, Hampshire, on 20 August 1896, and came to Jersey in early 1924 from the Bournemouth Section of the General Post Office Engineering Department. He was based at the GPO in Broad Street and took over the maintenance of telegraph equipment and submarine cables.

Beatrice Emily Jenne, known as Trix or Trixie, was born in Jersey on 8 January 1899. I can always remember her (Maman) remarking that nobody could ever forget her year of birth as it adorned the façade of the Southampton Hotel at the Weighbridge, St Helier.

On 26 December 1925, Phil and Trix were married in St Helier and honeymooned in Hampshire.

The story began on a Sunday in September 1939, when Great Britain and France declared war on Germany in response to the invasion of Poland on 1 September. Initially 3,063 people in Jersey registered their names for evacuation. By 21 June 1940, 6,600 Islanders had decided to go, the final figure being 10,361 by the time the last boat left a week later.

They were mainly women and children under school age, expectant mothers, schoolchildren and men of military age who had registered their names, and were given permits to depart.

Among those evacuated from Jersey to England on 20 June 1940, were Trix with her three children: Jean, Margaret (8) and Helier (7). On arrival in the UK, they were found lodgings. Phil was due to get a later



Beatrice Emily Jenne on her 18th birthday, January 1917

boat and join them in Bournemouth.

A determined effort was made to evacuate Phil and his counterpart, Lionel Le Huray, in Guernsey some weeks later. They had been instructed to disconnect all the GPO telephone equipment at the last possible moment before the Germans arrived.

Likewise, the undersea cable from Fort Doyle in Guernsey to England was cut, and the cable from Fliquet in Jersey to the French coast was severed under the supervision of Phil and the extracted section was thrown into the sea from St Catherine's Breakwater. Ironically, some days later, Phil together with other GPO employees in Jersey were ordered by the Germans to repair the cable from Fliquet to the French coast.

Phil was to spend the next five years in occupied Jersey separated from his family.

Trix was employed as a Post Office counter clerk in Boscombe, Jean attended the Bournemouth School for girls, Margaret (Margot) and Helier also attended local schools. They settled into their new life awaiting news of Phil.

dilemma facing Islanders in 1940



■ The photograph that 18-year-old Phil Warder (seated) sent to his mother in 1914



■ Phil and members of the Telephone Department jointing team, under German supervision, reconnecting the submarine cable at Fliquet Bay

Helier used to love watching the Spitfires, especially whenever they returned from a successful spat with the Germans, they'd perform victory rolls in the sky.

There were times, however, when the planes appearing along the southern coastline were altogether less welcome.

One day Helier and his friend were on the promenade and a German plane appeared. It came in very low and started firing.

The pair dived behind a wall and hid. An even closer encounter for the Warder family occurred shortly after.

Just when Trix thought her children were reasonably safe on the south-east coast of England the tenth air raid on Bournemouth occurred on Monday 2 September 1940, at 9.55pm.

Three lives were lost and five people were injured when German aircraft dropped seven bombs on Seabourne Road, Southville Road and Christchurch Road at Pokesdown. Three shops were hit, two houses destroyed and in all 173 properties were damaged. This had been a sneak

raid; the aircraft had managed to evade the warning system, so no sirens were sounded.

Trix's children had been asleep in bed when a bomb destroyed the shop next door to their lodgings, killing the two occupants.

Fortunately, the Warder family were quickly rescued unscathed by the local fire brigade. They were evacuated from the top floor flat by firemen through a small window which was Jean and Margot's bedroom.

Jean initially thought her sister had been injured as there was blood on her night clothes. However, this turned out to be from an injury the fireman had sustained from broken glass when Margot was passed to him through the window.

A fireman called out to Helier and told him to crawl over to them, as the floor was unstable due to the bomb blast and they didn't want to risk entering his bedroom. Family legend has it that Trix's hair literally turned white overnight (which Trix always described as silver) because of the

incident and the worry that her children could have been injured or killed.

The family were found temporary lodgings with hospitable people ready to take them in.

The following day Trix was photographed salvaging what she could of their belongings from the bomb-damaged property, which appeared on the front page of the Bournemouth Times and Directory.

The incident led to Trix having to make a difficult decision to send Helier further north to keep him safe, although he first spent a brief period living in the nearby home of a school friend. Trix and her daughters were all sleeping in the same room at this time.

Helier was sent to a large house in the Malvern Hills where a small number of other children had been sent, all evacuees. It was the first time he had travelled by train and found the experience very exciting.

The old-fashioned house had two tall medieval towers either side. There were

swords on the walls and lots of other curious ornaments, which you weren't allowed to touch. Situated in rural Gloucestershire, the peace and tranquillity of the Malvern Hills was a stark contrast to life further south.

Trix and her daughters were eventually found more permanent accommodation at 25 Richmond Park Avenue, Bournemouth, and then with Mr and Mrs Cole and their three children at 122 Parkwood Road, Bournemouth, where they remained until 1945.

Mr Cole worked for the GPO in Bournemouth. Helier rejoined the family down south after two years living in the Malvern Hills.

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