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Eating for Guernsey - why we should all be doing it



Read our new columnist, Jenny Kendall-Tobias THE WEEK PAGES 8 AND 9

of St Pierre du Bois

24 Gardens open on Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th June, 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Admission by programme 66 from the green (can be used on both days)

Children and young people under 16 free. Car parking - recreational field at Les Buttes. Afternoon teas and Sarnia Arts display in Rectory Garden.

Concerts in Rectory Garden: Picnic concerts 7th, 14th, 21st June at 7.00 p.m.

Wine available.

BBC legend has advice for PM: just concentrate on the day job

by Gemma Hockey

FORMER BBC political correspondent John Sergeant entertained a crowd of business leaders with anecdotes of his career and the Thatcher, Mr. Sergeant, who was speaking at a celebrity lunch at The Parthouse organised and sponsored by Fortis, Stewart Asset Management Group and Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants, said Margaret Thatcher was quite a character.

He spoke about Mrs Thatcher's first trip to Moscow to meet Gorbachev in 1987. She was, at that time, the most recognisable person in the world, not the most famous person politically but everybody knew who she was.

'In Moscow, as she was leaving and her cavalcade drove to the airport, two million people stopped working to watch her drive past,' he said.

'As far as I could tell, Maggie had no sense of humour, but at times she could be funny and I'd even go as far as to say 'thirtious', he said.

He also mentioned what has come to be known as the 'handbag incident' in Paris when he waited outside the British Embassy for Mrs Thatcher. In the hope of getting her reaction to the first ballot in the party leadership contest of 1990, only to be pushed aside by her press secretary, Sir Bernard Ingham, when Maggie emerged from the building.

He took questions and was asked what advice he would give to current prime minister Gordon Brown.

'I think he should concentrate on doing the job as much as possible and not spending too much time on electioneering. If he gets us through the financial crisis, people will remember that we avoided a recession and that is what people will remember him for,' said Mr Sergeant.

He needs to work out what he wants to do and not go on doing too much political manoeuvring,'

Founder and director of Azur Productions Kevin Marsh said Mr Sergeant had given a fantastic speech.

'These celebrity lunches are about accessibility,' he said.

'Accessibility to celebrities such as John Sergeant and Austin Healey, who will be speaking at our next event in October. Bringing celebrities across to Guernsey gives the population and companies the opportunity to entertain clients in a relaxed way with an added extra - a celebrity speaker.'