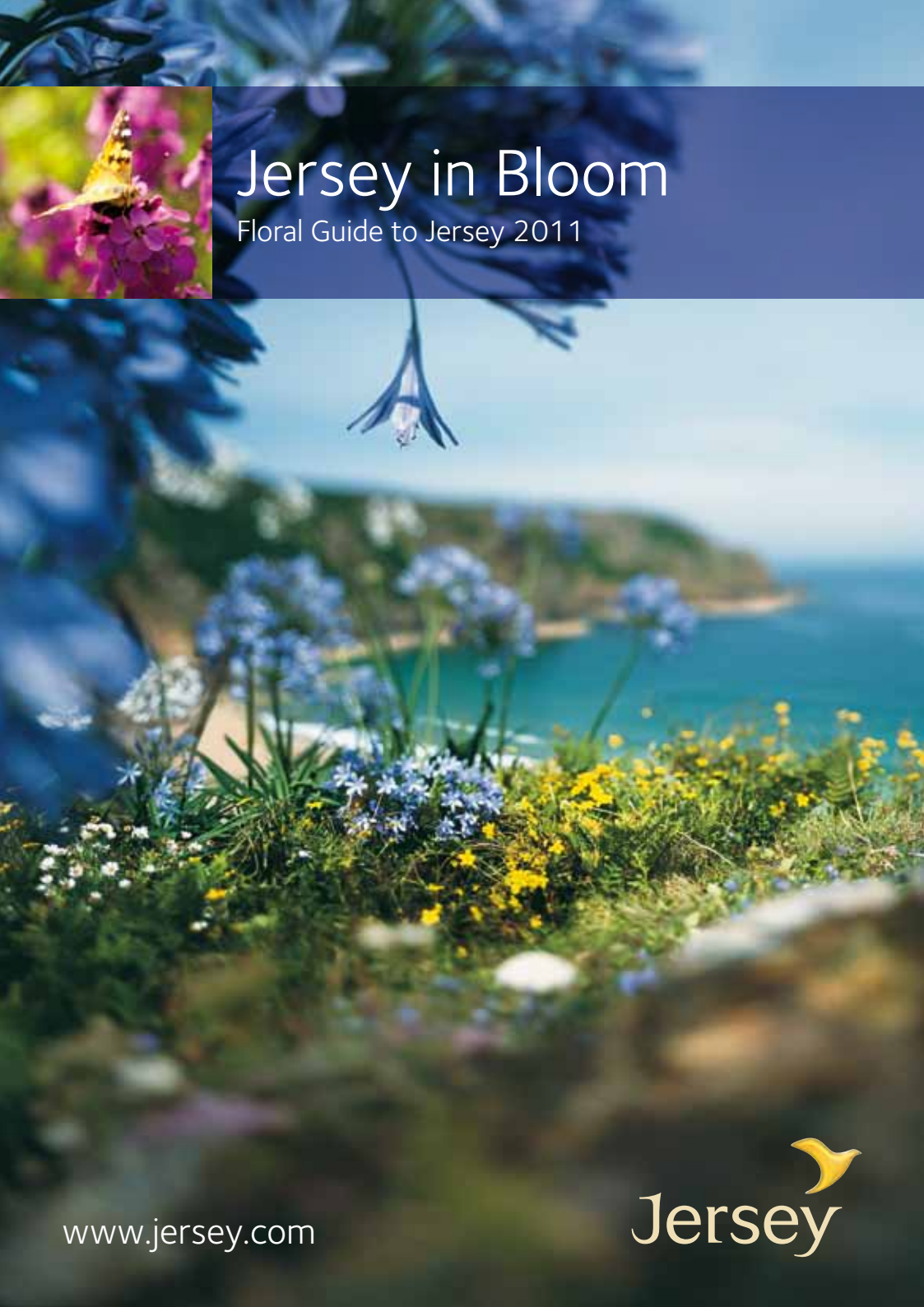




Jersey in Bloom

Floral Guide to Jersey 2011



www.jersey.com


Jersey



Welcome

Jersey is an island of flowers – the temperate climate; long hours of sunshine and rich soil make it a gardener’s paradise. Enjoy Jersey at its floral best with a programme of open gardens, demonstrations, flower shows and environmental walks.

Floral Attractions



Jersey Lavender Farm
La Rue du Pont Marquet, St Brelade
Tel: 01534 742933
Open: March 29th – October 30th
Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 – 17:00
(closed Mondays)
Harvest Season June 7th – August 14th
Admission: £3, during Harvest Season £5,
£4.50 seniors, under 14s free
Bus: 12, 12a, 15 + short walk or
myExplorer Blue

The Jersey Lavender Farm is a working farm where you can explore picturesque gardens and lavender fields. Discover how the therapeutic lavender oil is extracted and, at harvest time, watch the essential oils being distilled from the flowers. Jersey Lavender is a family-run business; they grow, harvest and distil lavender to produce pure lavender essential oil. This lavender oil is the key ingredient in their range of toiletry and perfume products. Rosemary, eucalyptus, bay laurel and cypress are also grown and distilled on the farm and their oils are used in the same way. Visit the farm, feed the chickens and treat yourself to homemade food at Sprigs Café and unique products in the shop.
www.jerseylavender.co.uk

The Gardens of Samarès Manor
La Grande Route de St Clement, St Clement
Tel: 01534 870551
Open: April 3rd – October 16th
Daily 09:30 – 17:00
Admission: £6.95 adults,
£6.50 senior citizens, £2.35 children
Bus: 18, myExplorer Green

Samarès Manor is a beautiful house, dating in part to Norman times, surrounded by exceptional gardens originally constructed in the 1920s by Sir James Knott. He had a special enthusiasm for the Orient, and recognised that the environmental conditions of manor grounds offered potential for growing plants from all over the world. The Japanese Garden, rock and water gardens, formal gardens, large ponds with islands and camellia plantations are the result of his passion. In recent years, the survival of this unique horticultural site has required a massive programme of restoration, development and diversification, including the creation of the internationally renowned herb garden - the work of garden designer and author, John Brookes. The gardens, dating from the 1920s, have recently undergone substantial restoration and development including the creation of one of the most comprehensive herb gardens in Europe. Talks on herbs and their uses take place each day and there is a plant trail and activities for children. Experience a ‘A Feast of Herbs’ taking place every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30, a series of special talks and tastings arranged to celebrate ‘Jersey in Bloom’. Current projects include the recently designed exotics garden which contains many exuberant plants, the hot garden of Mediterranean style, and the introduction of field walks through areas set aside for wild flowers. The manor’s picturesque Victorian courtyard is the home of the Jersey Rural Life and Carriage museum; it contains a unique collection of vehicles and exhibits and is open to the public each day at no extra charge. Visitors can discover the history of the Manor on an informative guided tour every day except Sunday.
www.samaresmanor.com

Eric Young Orchid Foundation
La Rue Du Moulin Du Ponterrin,
Victoria Village, Trinity
Tel: 01534 861963
Open: February 2nd – December 18th
Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 – 16:00
Admission: £4 adults,
£3.50 senior citizens, £1 children.
Bus: 21

The Foundation was established by the late Eric Young, a man whose enthusiasm for orchids knew no bounds. This dedication to breeding and exhibiting orchids continues today, and has resulted in gold medals at prestigious shows around the world, most recently, Gold Medal Winner at the Chelsea Flower Show 2010. Nestled in the heart of the beautiful parish of Trinity and sitting within its own wonderful landscaped garden, is a nursery and display complex housing one of the world’s finest collections of orchids. As you stroll through the display house a series of breathtaking vistas present themselves as each corner is turned. These landscapes create a heady and exotic environment in which the orchids are displayed in naturalistic settings which showcase their extravagant and compelling beauty.
www.ericyoungorchidfoundation.co.uk



Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

Les Augrès Manor, Trinity

Tel: 01534 860035

Open: All year from March 26th

09:30 – 18:00

From October 29th 09:30 – 17:00

Admission: £12.90 adults,

£10.50 senior citizens and students,
£9.40 children (4 – 16 yrs)

Bus: 3a, 23, myExplorer Green

No visit to Jersey is complete without a day at Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, where you can see over 1400 mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians in 32 acres of beautiful gardens and parkland. Founded over fifty years ago by the late author and naturalist Gerald Durrell, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust is a sanctuary to over 130 endangered species and an international charity working globally towards our mission of saving species from extinction. There is a gift shop and restaurant on site.

www.durrell.org

Lion Park at Jersey Goldsmiths

Rue des Varvots, St Lawrence

Tel: 01534 482098

Open all year, 7 days a week, 09:30 - 17:30

Admission: Free

Bus: 25, 26, 27

Fun and education are two things families will love at the Lion Park. Pan for gold or learn all about environment on the Woodland Nature Trail. Enjoy a gentle stroll around the peaceful gardens and freshwater lake of the park, where you will also find a number of fun activities to keep the whole family entertained. Cafe Delicia has a fine selection of homemade cakes, meals and beverages waiting to tempt you using the finest local produce. Situated in the peaceful Jersey countryside, Jersey Goldsmiths is the home of beautiful Jersey jewellery. Since 1986 this family run venture has created a truly memorable shopping experience, with unique and custom made pieces and other precious gemstones from across the globe.

www.jerseygoldsmiths.com

Reg's Garden

Badger's Holt, Route de Genets, St Brelade

Tel: 01534 743756

Open: All year, Daily 10:00 – 17:00

Admission: Free entry, donations appreciated,
all funds go to BBC Children in Need

Bus: 12, 12a, 15, myExplorer Blue

This award-winning garden is a lovely place to sit and pass away a few hours. Enjoy relaxing in the carefully landscaped areas, with a large Koi pond and waterfall. There is a collection of large tortoises, fairy garden, aviary and an amphitheatre where events are held from time to time throughout the summer. Perfect for adults and children alike, the garden contains many thousands of plants which have been carefully chosen for their scent, appearance and attraction to wildlife.

www.reg-garden.com



Judith Quérée's Garden

Creux Baillot Cottage, Le Chemin des

Garennes, Leoville, St Ouen

Tel: 01534 482191

Open: May – September

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

11:00 OR 14:00 by appointment only

Admission: £6, includes a personal tour of
the garden

Bus: 8 – 9, 26, myExplorer Red or
Blue + short walk

Set into the side of a valley in the rural parish of St Ouen, Judith Quérée's Garden contains over 2,500 plants. Judith will take you on a personal guided tour and show you some of the many unusual plants in her award winning garden. Hear about all the efforts to encourage wildlife in the garden and surrounding meadow. Judith and the garden have appeared in many television programmes both in the UK and worldwide and photographs of the garden and the 350 year old traditional Jersey granite cottage have been in several magazines. A large elevated wooden board walk allows you to view the large bog garden filled Iris and Primula and many interesting plants. A warm Jersey welcome awaits you for a relaxing and informative stroll around the garden. Group visits can be arranged.

www.judithqueree.com



Le Noir Pré Orchid Field

Le Chemin de L'Ouziere, St Ouen's Bay
(off Le Grand Route de Mielles)

Flowering season from May – June

Bus: 12, 12a, myExplorer Blue + short walk

Often known simply as 'the Orchid Field', this unique site actually consists of two distinct but adjoining wet meadows, Le Noir Pré, and the smaller Le Clos du Seigneur. The site is one of the last remaining strongholds of the Jersey or Loose-flowered Orchid (*Orchis laxiflora*), which also occurs in Guernsey, but is absent from the rest of the British Isles. The meadows also contain a wide variety of other plant species, many of which have become increasingly uncommon in Jersey. In addition to the Jersey Orchid, three other species, the Southern Marsh (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*), Common Spotted and Heath Spotted Orchids (*Dactylorhiza maculata*), occur at the site. During May and June, the two meadows are a riot of colour, with the stunning deep purple of the Jersey Orchids contrasting with the various shades of pink, through to white, of the remaining species. Other notable wildflowers include the Ragged Robin, Yellow Bartsia, Parsley Water-dropwort, Common Knapweed, Square-stalked St. John's-wort and Tufted Vetch. Le Noir Pré is owned and managed by the National Trust for Jersey. Visit their website to find out more about the sites they protect and restore.

www.nationaltrustjersey.org.je

Special open afternoon – Sunday 15th
May between 14:00 – 17:00

June in Bloom

Sunday 19th – Sunday 26th June

Jersey's reputation as 'The Floral Island' is a well-deserved one. The vibrant colours of the fields and gardens bring the landscape to life all year round and during this floral week you are sure to discover why we have earned this beautifully scented nickname. Culminating with the quintessentially British Summer Festival and Jersey Rose Show at Samarès Manor, June in Bloom encapsulates the blooming best that the island has to offer the –scenes" talks and tours from expert horticulturalists.

We have everything from fields awash with lavender to rare and delicate orchids and private gardens open to the public. Local botanists and well-known garden experts will lead you on walks of discovery through secret Victorian garden glades filled with exotic trees, manor houses with manicured lawns and onto the wild orchid fields of the island's wind-swept west coast. Music, concerts, walks and talks will all combine to enhance this celebration of Jersey's floral magnificence.

June in Bloom Guest Guide – Tony Russell

Tony's career with plants and gardens began in 1978 when he joined the Forestry Commission in Snowdonia. In 1989 he was appointed Head Forester of Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire. He left Westonbirt in 2002 and is now widely recognised as one of Britain's leading authorities on trees and shrubs. Over the last few years he has become a familiar face (and voice) on both TV and radio, presenting many horticultural and countryside programmes and he can be regularly heard on Gardener's Question Time on BBC Radio 4. Tony is also editor of the annual publication 'Gardens to Visit' which was nominated for the 'Best Printed Information Product of the Year' in 2008. A true arboriculturist, Tony regularly leads garden & plant based tours to all corners of the globe.



Tony will be guiding three fascinating tours during the June in Bloom Week:

Tuesday 21st June – The Lost Garden

Enjoy a fascinating walk through Samuel Curtis's lost gardens at Rozel. Discover exactly what Curtis planned for his garden over 150 years ago.

Tuesday 21st June – Around the World in 80 Trees!

Join Tony for a delightful walk through the hidden woodlands of La Hague Manor. Learn more about the rare and exotic trees and shrubs that were planted in the woodland by Victorian horticulturalists. See several species of tree found no-where else in the Island.

Wednesday 22nd June – In a Manor of Speaking

Discover Sir James Knott's magnificent gardens within the grounds of Samarès Manor and learn about the trees and plants within them.

Sunday 19th

10:00 – 13:00

The Weekend Cyclist – June in Bloom Special

See what motorists miss and get closer to nature as you explore Jersey's unique Cycle Network with cycling specialist and Blue Badge Guide Arthur Lamy. Visit stunning Coronation Park and the picturesque harbour town of St Aubin, nestled on the shores of St Brelade (Gold award winner in the 2010 Entente Florale European Competition). You'll finish at The Lavender Farm to discover the fragrant grounds of this working distillery and maybe enjoy some tasty treats (entry and refreshments at your own expense).

Place: Meeting point advised when booking

Price: £10 (group discounts available)

Booking required – Tel: 01534 853525

Grade: Moderate – 10m (16k) – you walk up the hills

11:00 – 13:00

Wild West Flora Walk

Enjoy a stroll around St Ouen's Bay discovering the botanical delights of both duneland and wet meadowland in the company of Société Jersiaise botanist Tina Hull. Enjoy a visit to the National Trust's wild orchid field, Le Noir Pré where you should still be able to see these unique flowers in bloom.

Place: Big Vern's car park, Five Mile Road, St Ouen's Bay

Price: Free

Bus: 12a, myExplorer Blue

14:00 – 17:00

Open Garden at 'Villa Devereux'

This four-acre garden, with a wonderful view over St Brelade's Bay, consists mainly of undulating lawns interspersed with specimen trees such as Hornbeam, Metasequoia, Cherries, Ginko and Magnolias. A large tree sculpture is a remnant from the Great Storm of 1987, whilst other sculptures have been created by Walenty Pytel, John Skelton and George Kowzan. To either side of the house are Japanese style gardens featuring Acers, Azaleas and a "Dear Scarer" over a water trough. There are also many other interesting plants to be seen including many varieties of Camellias and Heathers. All proceeds donated to St John Ambulance.

Place: Villa Devereux, La Route Orange, St Brelade

Price: £3

Bus: 12, 12a, myExplorer Blue

19:30 – 20:30

Le Rocquier Big Band – Alfresco Performance

Head along to the lovely public gardens at Howard Davis Park and enjoy the sounds of this popular big band.

Place: The Bandstand, Howard Davis Park, St Helier

Price: Free



Monday 20th

10:30 – 11:30

Semperflorens – A Howard Davis Park Tour

Enjoy a relaxed and informal walk through the beautiful grounds of Jersey's most popular and spectacular public garden, Howard Davis Park. Join one of the park's head gardeners and share his experience and knowledge as you tour the walled rose gardens, war graves and sumptuous flower beds.

Place: Statue of King George V, Howard Davis Park, St Helier

Price: Free

14:00 – 17:30

Hidden Gardens of Rozel Walk

There is nothing more enchanting than a secret garden. Beyond each filigree gate and behind every manicured hedge there are stories to tell; crumbling walls, terraces reclaimed by ivy, hidden glades, dolmens and ancient Manor houses. Discover lovers and adventurers, pioneers and artists, peacocks and red squirrels around every corner of this beautiful parish.

Place: Rozel bus stop, St Martin

Price: £8

Guide: Remi Couriard

Booking essential – Tel: 07797 768058

Grade: Moderate – 6m (9.6k)

Bus: 3

Tuesday 21st

10:45 – 12:15

The Lost Garden with Tony Russell

Tony Russell leads a fascinating walk through Samuel Curtis's forgotten gardens at Rozel. Crumbling steps with shady terraces and giant evergreens are a reminder of the halcyon days of the Victorian plant collectors and their extraordinary creations. Join Tony to discover exactly what Curtis planned for his garden over 150 years ago.

Place: Chateau La Chaire Hotel, Rozel, St Martin

Price: Free

Booking essential – Tel: 01534 448877

Bus: 3

12:30 – 13:15

Samarès Manor – A Feast of Herbs

Learn how to grow, harvest and cook herbs in Samarès Manor's famous herb garden. Enhance your culinary skills with flavours and garnishes using plants freshly picked from the garden. Tour the herb garden with Samarès Manor's herb experts and taste dishes specially devised to demonstrate the use of culinary plants in drinks, aperitifs, starters, main dishes and mouth-watering desserts. Pay once and return free of charge using Samarès Manor's complimentary ticket.

Place: Samarès Manor,

La Grande Route de St Clement

Price: Normal admission prices apply – £6.95,

£6.50 seniors,

£2.35 children and students

Bus: 18, myExplorer Green

18:00 – 20:00

Around the World in 80 Trees

Join arboriculturalist and well-known TV and radio gardener **Tony Russell** on a fascinating walk through the hidden woodlands of La Hague Manor. Learn more about the rare and exotic trees and shrubs that were planted in the woodland by Victorian horticulturists. See several species of tree found nowhere else in the Island, including California Redwoods – the tallest trees in the Island.

Place: La Hague Manor (St George's School),

La Rue de la Hague, St Peter

Price: Free

Bus: 8 (outward journey),

9 or 15 (return journey)

20:00 – 21:00

The Jersey Pipe Band – Alfresco Performance

Head along to the lovely public gardens at Howard Davis Park and enjoy the sounds of this traditional Pipe Band.

Place: The Bandstand,

Howard Davis Park, St Helier

Price: Free



Wednesday 22nd

10:00 – 16:00

The Midweek Cyclist – June in Bloom Special

See what motorists miss and get closer to nature as you explore Jersey's unique Cycle Network with cycling specialist and Blue Badge Guide Arthur Lamy. Visit stunning Coronation Park and the picturesque harbour town of St Aubin, nestled on the shores of St Brelade (Gold award winner in the 2010 Entente Florale European Competition). You'll finish at The Lavender Farm to discover the fragrant grounds of this working distillery and maybe enjoy some tasty treats (entry and refreshments at your own expense). Bring a packed lunch or refreshments.

Place: Meeting point advised when booking

Price: £25 (group discounts available)

Booking required – Tel: 01534 853525

Grade: Moderate – 25m (40k) – you walk up the hills

10:45 – 12:15

In a Manor of Speaking with Tony Russell

Join Tony today on a tour of the extensive gardens of Samarès Manor. They were created in the 1920s at enormous expense and have recently been redesigned and reorganised to include a multitude of designs styles which benefit from the wide range of environmental conditions which surround this historical building. Tony's relaxed and informal tour will take in the exuberant exotics border, formal rose and lavender beds, shade and water planting and the impressive Japanese garden. There are also many trees of interest.

There is also a talk on the cultivation and use of herbs at 12.30pm which follows on from Tony's tour. This will be given in the Manor's famous walled herb garden by a member of Samarès horticultural staff.

Place: Meet outside the Manor House at Samarès Manor,

La Grande Route de St Clement

Price: Normal admission prices apply – £6.95,

£6.50 seniors, £2.35 children and students

Bus: 18, myExplorer Green

14:30 – 16:00

Longueville Manor Garden Tour and Afternoon Tea

Longueville Manor's garden is well and truly at its best this month. Join Head Gardener Pascal Ybert for a walk through the woodland and a tour of the kitchen garden, followed by a delicious afternoon tea served by the swimming pool.

Place: Longueville Manor Hotel, Longueville Road, St Saviour

Price: £35 per person

Bus: 1b, 2c

Booking essential – Tel: 01534 722501

19:45 – 20:45

Jersey Lilies – Alfresco Performance

Head along to the lovely public gardens at Howard Davis Park to see the Jersey Lilies dance.

Place: Howard Davis Park, St Helier

Price: Free

Thursday 23rd

11:30 – 12:20

Jersey Lavender Distillery Talk

It's a busy time on the farm now as the annual harvest of lavender is about to commence. Join Alastair and his team for a fascinating and informative talk on the distillation process and how they use their very own lavender oil to make up their fragrant products. Spend some time in the beautiful gardens and have a look around the 9 acres of stunning swathes of lavender in full flower. Don't forget to try something delicious from Sprigs Café and take home some lavender 'smellies' from their shop. The Distillery talk is also repeated at 15:00.

Place: Jersey Lavender Farm,
Rue du Pont Marquet, St. Brelade
Price: Normal admission prices apply – **£5, £4.50 seniors, under 14s free**
Bus: 12, 12a, 15 + short walk or myExplorer Blue

12:30 – 13:15

Samarès Manor – A Feast of Herbs

Learn how to grow, harvest and cook herbs in Samarès Manor's famous herb garden. Enhance your culinary skills with flavours and garnishes using plants freshly picked from the garden. Tour the herb garden with Samarès Manor's herb experts and taste dishes specially devised to demonstrate the use of culinary plants in drinks, aperitifs, starters, main dishes and mouth-watering desserts. Pay once and return free of charge using Samarès Manor's complimentary ticket.

Place: Samarès Manor,
La Grande Route de St Clement
Price: Normal admission prices apply – **£6.95, £6.50 seniors, £2.35 children and students**
Bus: 18, myExplorer Green



13:00 – 15:30

The Orchids and Anniversary Walk

Early in 2011, the Eric Young Orchid Foundation produced a very special orchid in celebration of the National Trust for Jersey's 75th Anniversary – The Miss Amy'. In the company of the National Trust's Mike Stentiford MBE, hear the story surrounding Miss Amy and her special orchid during a circular walk around the rural lanes of Trinity followed by a visit to the amazing Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The Foundation, nestled in the heart of the beautiful parish of Trinity and sitting within its own wonderful landscaped garden, is a nursery and display complex housing one of the world's finest collections of orchids.

Place: The Eric Young Orchid Foundation,
La Rue du Moulin de Ponterrin, Trinity
Price: Free walk
(entry to Eric Young at own expense – £4 adults, £3.50 seniors, £1 children)
Bus: 21
Grade: Easy 2m (3.2k)

19:30 – 20:30

Acapella Brass – Alfresco Performance

Head along to the lovely public gardens at Howard Davis Park and enjoy the sounds of this popular brass quartet.

Place: The Bandstand,
Howard Davis Park, St Helier
Price: Free



Friday 24th

10:30 – 11:30

Crown Jewel – A Coronation Park Tour

Enjoy a relaxed and informal walk through the beautiful grounds of Coronation Park. Join one of the park's head gardeners and share his experience and knowledge as you tour the rose gardens and sumptuous flower beds of this treasured public garden, gifted to the Island by Lord and Lady Trent.

Place: Victorian Shelter,
Coronation Park (Millbrook) St Lawrence
Price: Free
Bus: 8 – 15, 26, myExplorer Blue or Red

13:45 – 16:30

Judith Quêrée's Garden Tour

Join Judith on a tour of her idyllic award winning garden with its many unusual plants and quirky layout. The garden is set into the side of a valley in the rural parish of St Ouen and contains over 2,500 plants. See her efforts to encourage wildlife in the garden and surrounding meadow and enjoy some tea and cakes on the lawn next to the 350 year old traditional Jersey granite cottage while listening to local guitarist Hugh Clarke. As the garden is tucked away from the main roads, meet your guide at St Ouen's Parish Hall for the short walk to the garden.

Place: Meet at St Ouen's Parish Hall and short walk to Creux Baillot Cottage,
Le Chemin des Garennes, St Ouen
Price: £7.50
Bus: 8 – 9, 26, myExplorer Red or Blue
Booking required – Tel: 01534 448877



Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th

10:00 – 17:00

Samarès Summer Festival and Jersey Rose Show

Join Samarès Manor and The Jersey Rosarians for this summer festival and spectacle of colour and fragrance in the beautiful grounds of the Manor. Featuring displays, demonstrations, horticultural trade stands and traditional crafts, this delightful event is the perfect place to indulge in all things floral.

Place: Samarès Manor,
La Grande Route de St Clement, St Clement
Price: £4.50 adults, £3.50 seniors, £1 children
Bus: 18, myExplorer Green



Open Gardens 2011

Throughout the year visitors will have the opportunity to get behind the gates of some of the very best private gardens in Jersey, rarely accessible to the public. All of the gardens listed below open between 14:00 – 17:00 on the date specified and admission is £3 to each garden. All proceeds raised are donated to charity.

Sunday April 17th 'Oaklands' **La Rue d'Elysee, St Peter**

This garden which hasn't opened since 2005 is tucked away in St Peter and is renowned for its magnificent mature trees, woodland walk and large numbers of mature camellias. There is a walled garden and a more formal garden near the house and a lake with masses of arum lilies. All proceeds donated to JAYF (Jersey Association of Youth and Friendship)

Sunday May 1st 'Le Clos du Chemin' **Les Grupieaux, St Peter**

This medium sized garden is situated on a windswept hillside overlooking St Aubin's Bay. The present owner inherited a neglected garden in 1990 and together with her late husband set about re-designing and planting. There are approximately 20 different Magnolia trees, including two yellow ones and a mixture of both mature and young magnolias. A Beehive is situated in the middle of a small 'wild' patch where daffodils, bluebells and various wild flowers bloom in succession. The formal Italian Garden is designed for minimum upkeep. All proceeds donated to JAYF.

Sunday May 8th 'Domaine des Vaux' **La Rue de Bas, St Lawrence**

Extended and developed by the present owner Marcus Binney CBE and his wife Anne, there are now some 20 verges of gardens and woodland. The main tiered garden beyond the terrace has a fountain with a boy on a dolphin and is planted with silver plants facing golf. The valley contains native and specie trees including Magnolias, Cercis, Parrotia persica, Eucalyptus and Cornus Kousa. All proceeds donated to JAYF.

Sunday May 15th 'Grey Gables' **La Rue du Bocage, St Brelade**

Set in 7½ acres, this garden has a mixture of formal and natural wooded areas. Camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons and azaleas abound. Australian tree ferns thrive by the lower pond whilst a beautiful bronze of Circle by Philip Jackson (creator of the Liberation Group in Liberation Square) is beside the small pond near the house. All proceeds donated to JAYF.

Sunday May 22nd 'Old Farm' **Augres, Trinity**

This garden extends over approximately 3 verges and includes an arboretum with some fine specimen trees, an orchard, a rose garden and a rockery as well as lawns and general herbaceous beds, including azaleas and camellias. All proceeds donated to Trinity Church Funds.

Sunday June 5th - 'Lande A Geon' **Le Vieux Beaumont, St Peter**

Facing south, the garden at 'Lande A Geon' has been landscaped with a series of Terraces and overlooks the magnificent St Aubin's Bay. There are many fine mature trees to admire including oaks, firs, acacias, a cercis siliquastrum (Judas tree) as well as a cornus macrophylla. In addition, there are also a large number of camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas. The most recently developed area has a Mediterranean theme and contains a dry garden and bananas, gingers and a collection of assorted bamboos. All proceeds donated to JAYF.



Sunday June 19th - 'Villa Devereux' **La Route Orange, St Brelade**

This four-acre garden, with a wonderful view over St Brelade's Bay, consists mainly of undulating lawns interspersed with specimen trees such as Hornbeam, Metasequoia, Cherries, Ginko and Magnolias. A large tree sculpture is a remnant from the Great Storm of 1987, whilst other sculptures have been created by Walenty Pytel, John Skelton and George Kowzan. To either side of the house are Japanese style gardens featuring Acers, Azaleas and a "Dear Scarer" over a water trough. There are also many other interesting plants to be seen including many varieties of Camellias and Heathers. All proceeds donated to St. John Ambulance.

Sunday July 3rd - 'Haut du Mont Farm' **La Rue L'Aleval, St Peter**

A garden of contrasts with a new formal walled garden, sweeping lawns with huge weeping willows, a stream crossed by a stone bridge and a large area of natural woodland. There is something to suit everyone's taste with year round colour and both formal and wild areas. The woodland is also a peaceful haven for wildlife with resident squirrels, woodpeckers and waterfowl. All proceeds donated to JAYF.

Sunday August 7th - 'St John's Manor' **La Neuf Chemin, St John**

This imposing Manor with its own consecrated chapel stands in 10 acres of carefully tended gardens, 40 acres of farmland and surrounding woodlands. The present owner, has carried out extensive landscaping to best show the main features; the lake, the Japanese garden, stream and walkways. All proceeds donated to JAYF.

Sunday August 21st - 'Le Tapon' **La Rue du Tapon, St Saviour**

This delightful old Jersey farmhouse garden last opened sometime in the 1970s. A dearly loved garden with hundreds of bedding plants, all propagated by the owner, adorn the borders - they include magnificent Coleus of all hues and through an archway apart from the main garden is an almost hidden greenhouse for you to explore. All proceeds donated to JAYF.



Flowers on Foot

Why not join a guided walk? It really is the best way to discover Jersey's rich heritage and its flora and fauna. On Monday afternoons you can join Blue Badge Guide Remi Couriard on his walk 'Hidden Gardens of Rozel'. There is nothing more enchanting than a secret garden. Beyond each filigree gate and behind every manicured hedge there are stories to tell; crumbling walls, terraces reclaimed by ivy, hidden glades, dolmens and ancient Manor houses. Discover lovers and adventurers, pioneers and artists, peacocks and red squirrels around every corner of this beautiful parish.

This walk takes place at 14:00 – 17:30 every Monday (except May 30th, June 6th & September 26th). You do need to book your place by calling Remi on Tel: 07797 768058. The walk costs £8 and the meeting point is the Bus stop at Rozel Bay, St Martin. The walk is approx. 6 miles.

For a wider choice of guided walks on offer, pick up 'Experiences on Foot - the 2011 Guided Walking Programme' from Jersey Tourism, ask at your hotel or log onto www.jersey.com/walking

Britain in Bloom

Since it started back in 1963, Britain in Bloom has grown into the largest horticultural campaign in Europe. Every year, hundreds of communities all bring a great deal of horticultural skill and enthusiasm to one common aim: to regenerate local environments by the imaginative planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping and by dealing with local environmental issues. Each region organises its own competition, the winners of which become finalists on a national level and are judged by RHS experts.

This September the parishes of St Saviour and Grouville will represent the island at the National Finals, held at St Andrews in Scotland. During the summer months you can't help but notice the extra special effort put into making all of the competing parishes look 'bloomin marvellous'. It is a real community venture and you may see a few volunteers out and about keeping their parishes looking in tip-top condition. In 2011, Jersey will hold its regional competition from July 11th – 15th, when visiting judges from the UK will put each parish through its paces.

Further information on Britain in Bloom visit www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloom

The National Trust for Jersey Sunset Concerts in Association with Ashburton

Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd July

As the sun sets over St Ouen's wild, west coast, find the perfect spot at the National Trust's beautiful, natural amphitheatre at Mont Grantez, to enjoy the annual Sunset Concerts. Each year, hundreds of eager spectators head to this very natural north-west corner of the island to delight in the wonderful music on offer as the sun melts into the Atlantic Ocean. Feel free to bring a picnic and a bottle of wine to enjoy whilst listening to these free concerts. The site opens at 18:00 and the concerts commence at 19:15. **Kevin Pallot and the Pinnacles** play on the 1st and visiting group **Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends** play on the 2nd. Parking is on site, in the top field next to the Dolmen (off Le Chemin des Monts). The route to the venue will be sign posted on the day from La Route du Marais (Hydrangea Avenue).

Mont Grantez, St Ouen
From 18:00 – Admission: Free
www.nationaltrustjersey.org.je



Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society Garden Share Scheme

Launched in February 2011, the Garden Share Scheme. Is a new initiative set up by the RJA & HS. The scheme links together elderly or bereaved members who find it difficult to cope with the upkeep of their gardens to people who are keen and experienced gardeners but do not have a garden of their own but are able to grow produce. There are many elderly people who have always been keen growers and are unable to work in the garden anymore but are sad to see their gardens grow into weeds. By introducing Garden Share Scheme it solves the problem and the garden owners can see their patch grow and produce again. The scheme is free and in turn the garden user gives the garden owner a quarter of the produce grown within the garden.

For more information visit www.royaljersey.co.uk



Sites of Interest

The 70 miles of footpaths managed and maintained by the Countryside Management Team are part of an Island-wide network. These include the stunning north coast cliff paths, as well as inland paths which allow access to some of the most beautiful areas in Jersey. Footpath features include bridges, steps, fences, stiles and boardwalks which are built and then maintained in a safe condition to allow the public easy access to enjoy the countryside of Jersey.

As part of their work, 'Sites of Special Interest' are managed to protect species, habitats and historic monuments. Interpretation panels are also maintained to provide guidance and information.

Les Landes

Located on the northwest coast, Les Landes is Jersey's largest single expanse of maritime heathland; it covers an area of 160 hectares and is bound to seaward by 3km of rugged granite cliffs. The reserve contains a variety of habitats supporting rarities such as the Dartford Warbler and the plant life features Cross-leaved Heath, Spotted Cat's Ear and many other rare species. The reserve was designated a Site of Special Interest (SSI) in 1996.

L'Ouaisné Common

One of Jersey's richest and most diverse nature reserves, the area was once a dune system but, since the construction of a defensive sea wall during World War II, the dunes have stabilised and are gradually progressing to heathland. The area contains large blocks of Gorse, dwarf shrub heath, open sand, grassland and wetland. Featuring mature Willow Carr in several areas and a large pond and reed bed, among the Gorse thickets and Willow at the heart of the Common are freshwater slacks that provide the Island's last remaining natural breeding site for the Agile Frog (*Rana dalmatina*).

La Lande du Ouest

An integral part of the dry coastal heathland lying above the cliffs along the greater part of the southwest coast of Jersey, La Lande du Ouest, was designated a Site of Special Interest in 1996 and the rich flora and fauna is considered an important contribution to the island's landscape and biodiversity. The heathland has developed over millennia and man's interaction with it, by using it as a rich source of food, fuel, bedding and cattle grazing, has shaped the landscape we see today. In early summer the cliffs are dusted with Ox-eye Daisy, while Thrift and Sea Campion cling to rocky outcrops and the deep yellow flowers of Prostrate Broom contrast sharply with the surrounding green-grey foliage.

Portelet Common

Portelet Common presents a mix of dramatic sea views and a habitat typical of an area subjected to the prevailing south westerly wind. The habitat is a mixture of thick gorse cover, dwarf shrub heathland and lichen-rich grassland. The area supports some 125 plant species including Dwarf Rush, Sand Crocus and Early Sand Grass. Other

species of note include Green-winged Orchid, Heath Pearlwort, All-seed, Autumn Squill and the Jersey sub-species of Spotted Rockrose. Such plants are just part of the wildness of this very special place and, around the perimeter of the common, the cliffs provide ideal nesting and roosting sites for a number of sea birds and waders.

Les Blanchés Banques

The sand dune system at the southern end of St Ouen's Bay, known as Les Blanchés Banques, is recognised as a Site of Special Interest. Millions of crushed seashells helped to form these dunes making this a calcium-rich environment ideal for a number of specialised plants. Marram grass is abundant and helps bind and build the dunes. Burnet Rose is a familiar sight, providing a surface fabric, which tends to hold the dunes together. The leeward side of the dunes provide protection for plants; the Dwarf Pansy can be found here, as can the Lizard Orchid. The dunes also provide an ideal habitat for the Green Lizard.

St Catherine's Wood

Although it is one of the largest woodlands in Jersey, parts of the site are still in private hands. However, the owners have granted public access making it essential that the area is treated with respect. A stream running through the valley floor has helped develop a wide-range of habitats within the woodland. This constant flow of water culminates in a small reservoir (Le Maseline) built during the German Occupation. The footpaths leading through the woodland are edged with wild flowers: Bluebells, Wood Sorrel, Wild Daffodils, Greater Stitchwort and Celandine can be found in spring and later, as the sun gains a little warmth, Herb Robert, Red Campion, Foxglove and Spurge continue the woodland colour scheme. For the bird watcher, the wood presents a particular delight. It is home to the Great-spotted Woodpecker, Short-toed Treecreeper, Kestrel and Sparrowhawk plus a variety of smaller songbirds such as Blackcap, Chiff Chaff and Willow Warbler. The highlight of the woodland's mammal population is the Red Squirrel.



Did you Know?

The 'Queen of Spain' visits Jersey every year?

Along with swallowtails and an abundance of other butterflies that are drawn to the island by a staggering floral tapestry.

The mild climate and rich soil are so ideal...

you will often see flowers long before they blossom at home; such as mimosas in February and agapanthus in July.

The Jersey Battle of Flowers is now over 100 years old and was first staged in 1902 to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII.

Which Hollywood 'Great' took part in the Battle of Flowers in 1912?

The late great 'Clown' Charlie Chaplin was one of the first personalities to appear in the parade.

Why does Jersey have moles and Guernsey does not?

Because Guernsey separated from France before Jersey did and before moles had time to inhabit it.

Jersey's Central Market

The Victorian covered markets were built in 1883 to replace Jersey's public markets, first established in the late 1500s. Sheltered beneath the high-domed roof, the splendidly exuberant fountain is always surrounded with a stunning array of over-flowing flower stalls, their fragrance floating on the air. All around there are fresh fruit and vegetable stalls full of local and imported produce. There are several butchers, bakery and cake shops, with a variety of specialist suppliers around the perimeter where you will find wines and chocolate and a delicatessen, as well as other unusual goods - all combining to create a cosmopolitan and modern covered shopping area with a difference. You can buy garlic and ginger; freshly grown herbs; a pot of Jersey honey, or a bulb of the exotic Amaryllis Belladonna, brought from its native South Africa to Jersey where it flourishes as the 'Jersey' lily.

The Market opens early each morning from Monday to Saturday. A bell is rung daily at 17.30 (14:00 Thursdays) to warn shoppers that the gates are about to close. Both the Central market and the Berseford Market, known more commonly as the Fish Market, across the road, have cafés and fast, fresh food counters, and naturally, there are a number of pubs, wine bars and restaurants in the vicinity.



Floral Events for your Calendar

April

Wednesday 27th

Wildflower Walk to Fern Valley

Weave your way through narrow lanes fringed with wildflowers to hidden Fern Valley, managed by The National Trust for Jersey. Boardwalks take you over running water, and trees provide a shady canopy. Climb steps to look out over treetops and admire the recently planted woodland slopes, before meandering along paths and quiet country roads as you re-cross the deep valley to return to the park.

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Place: St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Park, First Tower

Price: £7

Guide: Sue Hardy

Grade: Easy – 3.5m (5.6k)

Bus: 8 – 15, 26,

myExplorer Red or Blue

May

Saturday 21st

Rare Beauty

Join botanist Tina Hull and bird expert Mike Stentiford MBE on a walk around Le Noir Pré. Known locally as the Orchid Field, and home to the extremely rare Loose-Flowered (or Jersey) Orchid. It is joined by three other orchid species to create an explosion of delicate pink and purple blooms.

Time: 11:00 – 12:30

Place: Le Noir Pré, Le Chemin de L'Ouzière, St Ouen's Bay

Price: Free

Guide: Tina Hull &

Mike Stentiford MBE

Bus: 12, 12a, myExplorer Blue

+ short walk

June

Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th

Spring Fair

Jersey's traditional country fayre combines with the Jersey Rose and Flower Show and Island Spring Cattle Show to promise a full entertainment programme for all the family. Activities include cattle shows, a craft show, ring-events, food tasting, traditional country games and floral displays, demonstrations and competitions.

Time: 10:30 – 17:00

Place: RJA & HS Royal Jersey Showground,

La Route de Trinite, Trinity

Price: £1 – £4

Bus: 4 or 26 (short walk from Le Vesconte Memorial)

July

Wednesday 27th

Know Your Manors!

Enjoy a leisurely escorted linear walk visiting two beautiful manor gardens along the way ending with a sumptuous afternoon tea. Starting at Samarès Manor, a stunning house with extensive grounds, one of the largest herb gardens in Europe and a Japanese garden, head through some quiet lanes on to Longueville Manor Hotel; a former 13th century manor which has been lovingly restored and converted into one of Europe's most celebrated hotels. Enjoy a tour of their pretty Kitchen Garden before indulging yourself with cream tea and all the trimmings.

Time: 13:00 – 17:00

Place: Advised when booking

Price: £25

(includes all entrances and afternoon tea)

Guide: Sue Hardy

Bus: 18, myExplorer Green

(outward journey) and 1b, 2c (return journey)

Booking essential

Tel: 01534 448877

August

Wednesday 10th

Battle of Flowers – Behind the Scenes Tour

It's the night before Jersey's renowned Battle of Flowers Carnival, so why not take a fascinating coach tour to visit various clubs and associations and watch as they feverishly add last minute details to their spectacular carnival floats.

Time: 19:30 – 22:30

Place: Advised when booking

Price: £7

Booking essential

Tel: 01534 448877

August

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st

Summer Flower Show

The Royal Jersey Horticultural Society hosts this colourful show full of dahlias, roses and vegetable displays, inviting all gardening and flower enthusiasts to step into the hall to view the marvellous floral displays and exhibits. There will also be a poultry and small animal display.

Time: 10:30 – 17:00

Place: RJA & HS

Royal Jersey Showground, La Route de Trinite, Trinity

Price: £3

Bus: 4 or 26 (short walk from Le Vesconte Memorial)



Garden Centres with refreshment facilities

Holme-Living, La Rue au Long, Fauvic, Grouville.

Tel: 01534 856732

Le Quesne's, La Rue de Beauvoir, St Saviour.

Tel: 01534 626878

Ransom's Garden Centre, La Grande Route de Faldouet, St Martin

Tel: 01534 856699

St Peter's Garden Centre, L'Avenue de la Reine Elizabeth II, St Peter.

Tel: 01534 745903



Parks and Gardens

Howard Davis Park

One of the most appealing of Jersey's public gardens, the grounds contain colourful displays of trees and plants that flourish in the mild climate. The park is the location of a World War Two Cemetery and is host to many al fresco events throughout the warmer months.

Coronation (Millbrook) Park

This park has large lawns and throughout the summer many families enjoy this safe park that has an array of plants, an attractive Victorian shelter, children's playground and paddling pool and has its own café. The park can be accessed from two sides, both offering parking.



Les Jardins de la Mer

These maritime gardens are part of the newly created Waterfront area. From the gardens there are views across St Aubin's Bay to Elizabeth Castle. The gardens are divided into different areas at various levels, including lawns, a maritime woodland, a rockery and shingle beds. There is a water maze which is lit up at night. The centrepiece is a water feature of swimmers and dolphins designed by the sculptor, Philip Jackson

Other Public Parks in Jersey

Winston Churchill Memorial Park, St Brelade
St Andrew's Park, First Tower
Parade Gardens, Parade, St Helier
La Collette Gardens, Mount Bingham, St Helier
Victoria Park, Pierson Road, St Helier
People's Park, West Park, St Helier
Les Creux Country Park, St Brelade

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