Celebrating Our Freedom

Liberation Guernsey 2011

Lé Jour d’la Liberâtiaon

Friday 6 May to Monday 9 May 2011

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“Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.”

George Washington
Foreword by The Bailiff, Sir Geoffrey Rowland.

Those of us not in Guernsey on 8th and 9th May 1945 can only guess at the sheer passion, emotion and enthusiasm for freedom shown by liberated Islanders.

It was a time for pride – especially pride in being British and pride for the heroism of thousands of Islanders who had served in the armed forces. It was a time for prayers. There was a feeling of relief and anticipation that those who had been evacuated or deported would soon return.

Our Island had emerged from the shadow of the grim experience of occupation into the sunshine of freedom. Islanders were able once again to enjoy many freedoms which today we take for granted such as freedom of movement and association, freedom from curfew, freedom to take photographs, freedom from media censorship and, of course, freedom from fear and hunger.

On Liberation Day we will witness another freedom, and a very special one, when 201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron once again exercise the freedom granted in 1994 by the States of Deliberation at the suggestion of one of my predecessors:-

“marching with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed”

I hope that you will turn out in great numbers to applaud the achievements of our Squadron over nearly a century, to celebrate the special affiliation with Guernsey since 1939 and to salute the courage and professionalism of members of the Squadron, past and present.

Inevitably the occasion will be tinged with sadness because we know that Guernsey’s Own will soon be disbanded but in a spirit of optimism we will look forward to the Squadron being reformed, whenever and wherever that may be.

Do enjoy the spirit of Liberation and celebrate the freedoms we all enjoy.

G R Rowland

“If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom.”
W. Somerset Maugham
**201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron Freedom of Guernsey Parade**

**Time:** 9.30am to 10.00am  
**Route:** Elizabeth College to Town Church and along the seafront to Weighbridge

Monday 9 May 2011 will see 201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron exercising its Freedom of Guernsey for the last time. The parade will commence at 9.30am from Elizabeth College, down St. James’ Street and Smith Street, into the High Street, anti-clockwise around the Town Church and along the seafront to the Weighbridge Roundabout. They will finish at approximately 10.00am when 201 Squadron will join the main Liberation Church Parade at the White Rock Café.

201 Squadron, with its motto “Hic et ubique” ‘Here and everywhere’, can claim to be one of the oldest British military flying units as it can trace its origins back to the formation of No 1 Squadron on 16 October 1914. The unit was almost immediately renamed No 1 (Naval) Squadron and played an active role in World War I.

Between 1918, when it got its present day name, and 1958 201 Squadron played an important part in World War II and it saw its Southampton flying boats being upgraded to Londons and then from Sunderlands to the Shackleton Mk3-s. In 1965 201 Squadron moved from Calshot to Kinloss where they have been based ever since.

201 Squadron’s special link with Guernsey was forged in 1939 before World War II and remains the only affiliation recognised by the Board of the Royal Air Force.

Bringing 75 members of the Squadron to Guernsey for its Freedom of Guernsey parade is no small logistical feat. Condor Ferries has more than accepted the challenge and is kindly sponsoring the passage for 201 Squadron to and from Guernsey.

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**Sponsor profile: Condor Ferries**

Founded in 1964, Condor Ferries initially operated a passenger service between France and the Channel Islands. In 1987 it launched its year-round service linking the Channel Islands with the UK through Poole, Weymouth and Portsmouth, and Guernsey and Jersey with the ports of St Malo and Cherbourg in France.

Condor Ferries operates Condor Vitesse, Condor Express, and Condor Rapide fast cat ferries. In 1999 Commodore Clipper, a conventional car, passenger and freight carrying vessel was introduced to offer an all-weather, year round service. Each year Condor Ferries carries around a million passengers and 200,000 passenger vehicles.

Condor Ferries also operates the freight only vessel, Commodore Goodwill, enabling the whole fleet to carry 100,000 freight vehicles in and out of the Channel Islands each year.

“It is an honour to facilitate the transport for this landmark and historic event of 201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron performing their Freedom of Guernsey parade.” said Simon Edsall, Managing Director of Condor Ferries. “I know that 201 Squadron is held in the highest regard by islanders and that the spectacle of them marching along the seafront on Liberation Day will be one full of emotion for many Guernsey men and women who have got to know the Squadron so well over the years.”
With 201’s proud involvement, this year’s Liberation Church Service promises to be one of the largest of recent years. Participants include the Standard Bearers, 201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron, the Ghurkas, Royal Hospital Chelsea In-Pensioners, Lieutenant-Governor’s Cadets, Guernsey Cadet groups and multi-service Veterans all under the command of Parade Commander Major Bob Place MBE.

The Church Parade will be led by Guernsey Concert Brass which will march off from the White Rock at 10.05am and will process down the sea front to The Quay (in front of M&S) where H.E. the Lieutenant-Governor Air Marshal Peter Walker C.B. C.B.E. and The Bailiff, Sir Geoffrey Rowland will formally conduct the Parade’s inspection.

“History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower
**Inter-Schools Road Relay Race**

**Time:** 9.00am to 9.30am  
**Route:** Sea Front, St. Peter Port (between Weighbridge Roundabout and Albert Memorial)

The first time this Liberation Day relay race was run was in 1949. It sees teams from Guernsey’s secondary schools go head-to-head to see who will be victorious in the Inter-Schools Road Relay Race. The course is from the Weighbridge Roundabout to the Albert Memorial and, this year, will be staged between 9.00am and 9.30am.

**Churches Together in Guernsey Liberation Service**

**Time:** 10.30am - 11.30am  
**Where:** St Saviour’s Church  
**Parking is available**

This year’s special commemorative service for Liberation Day will be hosted by the new Rector of St. Saviour’s Parish, Rev’d. Mark Charmley. The Church Choir, along with The Salvation Army band and La Hougette pupils, will lead the music for the service. An eminent minister of the Christian faith will be the guest preacher at this interdenominational service that annual attracts over 300 people from across the Bailiwick. Parking will be available and coffee and tea will be served following the service at St. Saviour’s Rectory.

**Royal Court Liberation Church Service**

The Royal Court Liberation Church Service, the traditional civic focus of the Liberation Celebrations will be held from 11.00am to 12 noon at the Town Church, St. Peter Port. The Very Rev’d Paul Mellor, The Dean of Guernsey will be officiating and the guest preacher is The Very Rev’d John Guille, Dean of Southwell, Nottinghamshire’s historic cathedral.

The Very Rev’d John Guille is a Guernseyman whose ancestral roots go back to William the Conqueror. His ties remain extremely strong with Guernsey as both his sister and daughter live in the island. In 1989 he returned to Guernsey as Rector of St. Andrews where he spent 10 years and during which time he chaired the group that set up the ecumenical retreat and conference centre, Les Cotils.

From 1999 to 2007 The Very Rev’d John Guille was the Archdeacon and Vice Dean of Winchester responsible for 193 churches and more than 80 clergy. He was appointed Dean of Southwell in 2007.

BBC Radio Guernsey will broadcast the Royal Court Liberation Church Service and for the first time, the service will also be broadcast on the giant screen on Albert Pier so that all spectators of the Church Parade can stay and watch the Liberation Service.

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"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."  
Abraham Lincoln

"Freedom is the right to question and change the established way of doing things."  
Ronald Reagan
In the Army

Time: 11.00am to 5.00pm
Where: Crown Pier

Joining the Army can open the doors to an exciting career with great opportunities. When you think of the Army, you might automatically picture frontline soldiers but in fact there are a wide range of professions and skills, from chefs and vets to dentists, police officers, musicians, postal couriers, drivers, accountants, linguists and chaplains.

There are plenty of skills and qualifications on offer as well, from learning to drive and group management techniques, through to NVQs and modern apprenticeship qualifications.

So why not come along and visit us on the Crown Pier on Liberation Day – Monday 9 May 2011 - and try some of the Army challenges on offer. Enjoy interactive demonstrations and get an interesting insight into the different aspects of life with the Armed Forces. You’ll also have the chance to talk to soldiers in person.

For further information about the exciting career opportunities available in the Army please contact Major. Kaaren Roche Tel: 07753 780806, Email: aca.dorset@aca.mod.uk or visit www.armyjobs.mod.uk

The Skipton Liberation Zoo

Time: 11.00am to 4.00pm
Where: Crown Pier

Watch out! Crown Pier is set to become “The Skipton Liberation Zoo”.

Children, come on down and be welcomed into the Zoo enclosure and leave your human personalities behind and become your animal person. Children, supervised by The Zoo Keepers, will be able to design, draw, and create their own animal costumes.

Each of the four stalls will have facilities for a different animal that includes drawing designs and the chance to make their design out of material, paper, glue and glitter. Then put on your costume before escaping into the wild of the Liberation Day celebrations. Let your imagination run wild – you can create anything: from butterflies to beasts, from dinosaurs to ducks and from elephants to earwigs – anything goes!

Competitions will also be run throughout the afternoon and the winning design will be printed onto canvas for the lucky winner to take home.

Sponsor Profile: Skipton International

Skipton International specialises in providing savings accounts and residential mortgages in the Channel Islands. It is committed to differentiating through personal service and transparent relationships with customers.

Skipton International plays an active role in the community with its sponsorship of Liberation Celebrations and the annual Swimarathon.

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.”
Abraham Lincoln

“...to one’s freedom is, in essence, to honour and respect the freedom of all others.”
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Urban Canvas

Time: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Where: Crown Pier

Urban Canvas will be supervised throughout but small children must be accompanied by an adult.

Masters of Visual Pavement Art, Urban Canvas creates works that would grace any gallery of Modern Art. Involving up to hundreds of people – of all ages – everyone has the opportunity to leave their mark and creatively play on Crown Pier.

Italian Street Painting is the theme for Urban Canvas on Liberation Day. Using a 500 year old chalking technique and introducing poster paints, artists’ pastels and pavement chalks to create a special Liberation work of art that will know no boundaries.

Small Is Beautiful

Time: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Where: Crown Pier

A marquee dedicated to all things small and beautiful will be on Crown Pier. Participating boutiques include TMR Creations, Très Jolie and Ann Dodd. Molly Bihet will once again be talking to people about her experiences during the Occupation and Aid Reaching Children will have its annual charity stall.

The Guernsey Arts Commission will be promoting the Guernsey Literary Festival that takes place Thursday 12 May to Sunday 15 May. This will be a landmark event for Guernsey, a celebration of the island’s best kept secret: a rich concoction of literature, folklore and history.

Big Kidz

Time: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Where: East Arm, Crown Pier

Big Kidz will be supervised and a queue system will operate.

Guernsey’s premier supplier of bouncy castles and inflatable games, Big Kidz, will again be making their colourful and larger than life appearance on Liberation Day.

Located on Crown Pier, and free to all children, choose from Bounce House, Super Slide, Playzone, Pirate Bouncer, Sumo Suits and Arch Slide Bouncer. Hours of fun for small children!

Put Yourself In The Picture

Time: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Where: North Plantation

Islanders and visitors are invited to ‘put themselves in the picture’ with a new initiative sponsored jointly by Norman Piette and Paul’s Joinery.

Step behind a 10ft x 8ft photo frame and smile for the camera as you pose in front of the beautiful background of Castle Cornet with stunning floral borders in the foreground.

Add a little local flavour to the picture and meet us down on the North Plantation in your best Guernsey dress.

Garrison Keillor

“Freedom doesn’t mean aimlessness. We can’t just sleepwalk through life...Freedom demands structure.”

Albert Camus

“Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.”
To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the Guernsey Military Vehicle Group (GMVG) will be staging a special mini Cavalcade down the Sea Front on Liberation Day, Monday 9 May 2011. Combining authentic World War II military vehicles with the grace and nostalgia of classic vintage cars, spectators will have a chance to "go back in time".

The route will start from the Weighbridge Roundabout and proceed along the Sea Front to the Albert Memorial. All participating vehicles will then form a display around the Albert Memorial and on the leeward side of the Sea Front. Come and see these wonderful historic vehicles and learn more about their individual histories from their owners who look after them as if they were the Crown Jewels!

The origins of the Guernsey Military Vehicle Group are founded in the success of the 35th Liberation Day Cavalcade in 1980 when military vehicles took part in the Cavalcade for the very first time. So positive was the response from the crowds of spectators that members of, what was then called the Military Conservation & Study Group, decided to buy their own World War II vehicles … and the Guernsey Military Vehicle Group was born.

The GMVG has played a pivotal role in the Liberation Day Cavalcade every 5 years for the past 30 years with some 50-80 vehicles regularly participating. 2005 saw the group receiving a special award from the Military Vehicle Trust (MVT) in recognition of its continuous efforts in organising military vehicle events.

Charity also plays an important part for the GMVG. Every year the group takes part in the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal with members being placed around the island in their vehicles collecting for the appeal. Other charities that have received GMVG’s support are the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) and several of the GMVG vehicles were present at the 70th anniversary Battle of Britain Hangar Ball held in September 2010 in Guernsey’s Aero Club Hangar.
Victorian Carousel

Time: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Where: Albert Pier
The award-winning original Victorian Carousel Roundabout, operated by BKG Leisure Ltd, is back on Albert Pier for this year’s Liberation Celebrations. With its gleaming golden “galloping horses” and traditional fun fair organ themed music, this is a magical attraction for children and adults alike.

There is no charge to ride on the Victorian Carousel but donations of £1 per person to the St. John Ambulance and Rescue Service will be hugely appreciated.

Support St. John Ambulance & Rescue Service

On Albert Pier

St. John Ambulance & Rescue Service is celebrating its 75th anniversary of serving Guernsey. Funds are much needed to fund the training of new paramedics that have been part of Guernsey’s emergency ambulance response for over 18 years. Paramedics are registered healthcare professionals and can administer a wide range of medical treatments for sudden serious illness and critical injuries.

Selected from experienced front-line ambulance personnel, paramedics undergo an intensive period of training with London Ambulance Service before returning to Guernsey to complete their clinical skills practice in the Princess Elizabeth Hospital under the direction of medical practitioners. The training period of a Paramedic is approximately 8 months that includes responding to emergency calls with a senior paramedic mentor.

“We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.”
Edward R. Murrow
Guernsey Boat Show

Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm
Where: Red Light Arm, Albert Pier

Celebrating its 5th anniversary, the Guernsey Boat Show, sponsored by Lombard, will be showcasing the latest in boat design - from yachts to powerboats and from RIBS to motor boats. Wander through the exhibitors marqueses, admire the boats and let your imagination travel the open seas.

Also open 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 7 May and Sunday 8 May.

Exhibitors include
AB Marine • Fast Craft Sea School • Graham Scott Ltd • Hardy Marine • Lombard • Marine & General Engineers Ltd • Marine Ventures • Offshore Power CI • Offshore Nautical • Quayside • Rossborough Insurance • Seaquest • Sunsport

Crown and Anchor

Time: From 12 noon to 10.00pm (with a break between 5.00pm-6.00pm)
Where: Albert Pier

Descended from Backgammon, Crown and Anchor remains one of the most popular attractions at outdoor events in Guernsey throughout the year. Place your money on the cloth, let the die roll and may Lady Luck reign supreme!

The Spice Trail - Supporting Bridge 2 Sri Lanka / Haiti

Time: 12noon to 5.00pm
Where: in front of the Town Church

Local Chefs James Ferguson and Tony Leck are cooking up a storm with their own Sri Lankan recipes in a marquee, kindly sponsored by ABN Amro. Succumb to the spices and flavours of Sri Lanka, known as The Pearl of the Indian Ocean, whose long and colourful history spans over 3,000 years. A range of freshly made burgers, kebabs and a hog roast - all with spicy sauces - will be available with proceeds going to Bridge 2 Sri Lanka and Haiti.

Bridge 2 Sri Lanka and Haiti

Bridge 2 Sri Lanka and Bridge 2 Haiti are small independent charities set up respectively in December 2004, following the Tsunami in Sri Lanka and in July 2010 in the aftermath of the earthquake. The focus of both charities is aimed at directly helping members of these disaster-torn areas.

Both charities operate “the shopping list” principle; donors either pin point items such as beds, food parcels, bicycles etc and provide the funds or give donations and the item(s) are bought by the charities. Founder Sarah Griffith operates the ethos “Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

“True freedom is tolerant. It gives people the right to live and think in new ways.”
John Twelve Hawks

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.”
Abraham Lincoln
“Back to the 1940s” begins at 12 noon with a sing-along with the Guernsey Concert Brass followed by The Glenn Miller Sounds of The Elastic Band continuing the authentic feel of the 1940s with a 17 piece strong orchestra.

The glorious singing voice of Miss Lola Lamour will get everyone in the swing with her renditions of nostalgic favourites such as “It’s Alright With Me”, “On the Sunny Side of the Street” and “We’ll Meet Again”.

The finale of “Back to the 1940s” will see The Elastic Band inviting all spectators onto the floor as they dance and jive the afternoon away.

12noon – 1.45pm  Guernsey Concert Brass
1.00pm – 1.45pm  The Glenn Miller Sounds of The Elastic Band
2.00pm – 2.45pm  Miss Lola Lamour – a stunning 1940s solo singer
3.00pm – 3.45pm  The Glenn Miller Sounds of The Elastic Band
4.00pm – 5.00pm  Les Blondettes

Seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis and traditional Guernsey afternoon tea will be available priced at £5.30 to include Egg and Cress sandwich, home-baked scone with jam and Guernsey cream, buttered Guernsey gache and a cup of tea.

From each Guernsey Afternoon tea sold, £1.00 will be donated to St. John Ambulance & Rescue Service who are celebrating their 75th anniversary of serving Guernsey.
**Guernsey Dance - Supporting Headway Guernsey**

*Time: 12noon - 5.00pm*  
*Where: Albert Memorial in front of Albert Pier*  

A kaleidoscope of music and dance showcasing the military precision of the Guernsey Majorettes, the passion of Salsa with Heidi Almonte, the beat of the Samba Burros, the energetic dance steps of Debbie Duport’s Zumba and the synchronisation of the Guernsey Cheerleaders and Diamond Elite.

Street dance will also be showcased with Guernsey’s own B-Creative and two special performances by UK based Peridot who reached the semi-finals of Britain’s Got Talent in 2010. For those who want to be part of the action and let their feet do the dancing, Carolyn Barnie, organiser of Guernsey Dance, will be leading two mass “flash mob” dances where everyone can join in a special four minute dance routine that is choreographed along similar lines to the T-mobile advertisement in the UK.

**Headway Guernsey**

Headway Guernsey is one of a network of Groups and Branches of Headway, the charity that gives help and support to people affected by brain injury. It supports over 50 islanders and their families who are living with the long-term effects of a brain injury. It provides a wide range of services that bring people together in a supportive and positive environment including a helpline, a regular programme of social events and information evenings and active family support programme where family groups meet monthly.

**Guernsey Dance Programme**

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**Samba Burros**

Formed as part of the Guernsey Liberation Day Committee preparations in 1999, the Samba Burros play Latin American street rhythms, samba funk, samba reggae, hip hop and fusions of different cultures. Wearing colourful outfits and playing instruments of all sizes, they are a popular entertainer at the Liberation Celebrations.

This year, they will once again be spreading their funk and fusions across the Island as they visit local attractions and restaurants to get Islanders ready for the 2011 Liberation Celebrations.

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“In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.”  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

“Freedom is the oxygen of the soul.”  
Moshe Dayan
**LibRock Line-Up & Bands**

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- **The Barlows** – formerly The Tracy Barlows, they play popular rock covers from Stereophonics to Maroon 5 and Scissor Sisters to Biffy Clyro. Featuring several familiar local musical faces, they have become known for taking popular chart hits and adding their own unique spin.

- **Breaking The Silence** - local Guernsey Punk-Pop cover band has made quite an impression with their range of likeable covers from popular rock bands such as Blink 182 and Simple Plan along with their own sing-along originals. With 3 years of playing experience, their bold and rocking sound has built them up an enthusiastic local following.

- **Last Of The Light Brigade** – starting out as a school talent contest group, Tyler Edmonds, Benjamin Queripel and Stu Carre have matured in sound and age to become an all-originals band that mix classic punk with indie. In 2010 they played at Jersey Live with the mod father himself; Paul Weller.

- **The Killerz** – one of only a few tribute acts to “The Killers”, it prides itself on its likeness to the chart-topping band. The music, look and energy that the band creates, makes you feel you are watching the real thing. Performing across Europe, the band continues to gather support from their audiences and more impressively “The Killers” fans.

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**Sincere thanks to the corporate sponsors of the 2011 LibRock**

**Colour Monster:** specialises in high quality digital printing be it flyers, posters, stationery packs and letterheads. With in-house designers, they can provide a one-stop shop with excellent service and at prices that, in their words, "won’t frighten you".

**Island Coachways:** is a family company that has been playing an active role in the island for over 30 years. It employs 90 staff and delivers 1.5 million passenger journeys each year including 57 school bus services per day during term time.

**Mercator Trust Company Ltd:** with a history going back over 30 years, Mercator has deep roots in Guernsey’s professional services industry. During this time the business has developed substantially and Mercator is now one of the leading independent fiduciary companies in the island. Choosing to sponsor LibRock was an easy decision said David Preston, managing director at Mercator: “With an event such as this, it is important to encourage Guernsey’s young talent and I think this will add an extra something to the Liberation Day celebrations.”
We wanted LibRock to support a local charity that is focussed on our age group and whose primary role is to work with and support our age group. Action for Children Guernsey helps people, mainly from the ages of 16 to 21, who are homeless by giving them somewhere to live and providing them with the practical support to run their own lives – to cook for themselves, to budget on a daily and weekly basis etc.

“Wristbands are iconic with charity fund raising projects and we wanted a dedicated LibRock wristband to sell for Action for Children Guernsey. Help us to support Action for Children and buy your LibRock wristband for just £1 from outlets including all College of FE sites, the Guernsey Information Centre and the Press Shop in Smith Street. All proceeds will go to Action for Children Guernsey.”

“We want as many people as possible in Guernsey to enjoy LibRock and we have used a combination of Facebook for electronic social networking and printed colour posters for physical distribution around the island. The Facebook page is designed, written and updated by all the LibRock team and once the page was created, we attached pictures and logos and over the past weeks, it got more and more hits!

“We designed three different posters that were distributed across Guernsey by Conor, Emilie and Ben to pubs, nightclubs, leisure attractions and shops. Big thanks should go to Emilie, the lady who had “the wheels” and who was ably assisted by Captain Conor, The White Van Man.

“When you read this, we will be going through our final checklists to ensure that LibRock is a big success. Come down to Albert Pier on the evening of Monday 9 May 2011 – Liberation Day – and see it for yourself. We could not have done this without Alex Bridle and Kate de Menezes of The Guernsey Event Company Ltd who have been with us every step of the way but have allowed us to be the decision makers. We are so grateful for being given this opportunity to actually organise a live event and we hope that we do them, the College of FE and Guernsey proud.”

“Organising an event can be complicated, with masses of detail and for us students at the College of Further Education, a real leap into the unknown. When we first received our assignment, we were apprehensive of what it would entail – would it be yet more theory? To our delight, we found that we were to experience first-hand what it would be like to organise a live event: LibRock.

“LibRock has been designed as a mini festival to proactively encourage the participation of the youth of Guernsey. We really hope that LibRock will reconnect Guernsey’s youth with the heart of Liberation Day and what the meaning of Liberation Day is all about.

“In the planning stages, Adam and Sam researched many different bands, drew up a short-list, reviewed the bands’ promo videos on YouTube and put it to a democratic vote as to which bands should make the actual LibRock line-up. The choice of bands at this year’s inaugural LibRock is ours as is the design of the logo.

The LibRock logo, designed by Sam, is made up of letters from famous band logos and blended together into one cohesive image: it uses the L from Lynard Skynard, the I and the O are from The Who logo, the B is from the Beatles, the R is from the Aerosmith logo, the C from AC/DC logo and the K is from The Killers whose tribute band, The Killerz, are the headline act at the event on Monday 9 May 2011 – Liberation Day. We think that the logo gives the whole event an identity, a character and recognisable “face” that can be used for many years to come.

“‘For every man who lives without freedom, the rest of us must face the guilt.’”

Lillian Hellman

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Liberation Spring Proms Festival

Time: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
Where: St. James’ Concert & Assembly Hall

2011 sees the 25th anniversary of Guernsey Festival Chorus and St. James’ will once again be a sell-out for this hugely popular evening concert that attracts attendees of all ages from all Parishes.

A wonderful night of music and singing, in the presence of Guernsey’s Lieutenant-Governor Air Marshal Peter Walker and Mrs Walker and The Bailiff Sir Geoffrey Rowland and Lady Rowland. This is unashamedly a patriotic, nostalgic and traditional night of music!

Tickets are priced at £9.50 each for adults and admission is free for children. Limited tickets will be available on the door on the night. To book tickets, visit www.guernseyfestivalchorus.com or call Maddie Sarre on +44 (0) 1481 263930.

Profile: Guernsey Festival Chorus

Also known as Guernsey’s Community Choir, Festival Chorus was founded by Roy Sarre, its Musical Director, in 1985. Comprising of 70+ voices drawn from all island churches and parishes, it is interdenominational both in style and presentation.

The Choir has filled churches and concert halls in the Channel Islands and has performed on both national and local television and radio. Its reputation and profile is not limited to Guernsey as in 2002 Guernsey Festival Chorus was awarded Guiton Ambassador of the Year Award and in 2006 it both featured in BBC’s “Songs of Praise” programme and recorded three choir broadcasts for BBC Radio 2.

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.”
Abraham Lincoln

Fireworks Display

Time: 10.15pm (approx.)
Where: St. Peter Port

Local firework specialist, Standard Fireworks, will once again provide the expertise for the annual Liberation fireworks display that marks the finale of the day’s entertainment and celebration.

Set against the landmark backdrop of Castle Cornet, and best viewed from down on Albert Pier, the skies of St. Peter Port will be lit up with stunning display of colour and pyrotechnic brilliance all set to music.

“The anchor in our world today is freedom, holding us steady in times of change; a symbol of hope to all in the world.”
George H.W. Bush
that are hosted for 1,500 islanders who lived in Guernsey during the Occupation, were evacuated, deported or saw active service.

Entertainment this year for the Tea Dances and the Hangar Ball include top UK band, The John Miller Orchestra, female singer Lola Lamour, and George Formby impersonator Paul Casper. Traditional afternoon tea of Guernsey gache, scones and sandwiches, kindly sponsored by Guernsey Dairy and Warry’s, will be served to all guests and each Tea Dance will conclude with a giant sing-a-long of Sarnia Cherie.

Find out more about Guernsey life at the time of the Liberation and join one of the wonderful walking week events taking place from Saturday 7 May onwards. Evacuation, Occupation and Potato Peel Pie takes you back to life in the 1940’s and is just one of the first ten walks available over the Liberation Day weekend.

On May 9 an occupation themed walk at Pembroke is available in the morning with a Forest based occupation walk in the afternoon.

Each walk costs just £5 to join with free entry to a 100% rebate scheme from sponsors Healthspan. Full details of all 48 walks on offer can be found in the free leaflet from the Guernsey Information Centre or visit www.healthspan.co.uk/walkingweek

Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Where: Beau Sejour

Once again the Sir John Loveridge Hall at Beau Sejour will be bedecked in bunting, flags, 1940s memorabilia and lights for the annual Specsavers Tea Dances that are hosted for 1,500 islanders who lived in Guernsey during the Occupation, were evacuated, deported or saw active service.

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Specsavers Liberation Hangar Ball, Saturday 7 May 2011

SOLD OUT!

Time: 7.30pm - 12.30am
Where: Sir John Loveridge Hall, Beau Sejour

Open to all islanders, this hugely popular Liberation Day themed Hangar Ball will see guests enter a 1940s decorated Hangar to enjoy an evening of authentic entertainment, music, singing and dancing. 201 (Guernsey’s Own) Squadron will also be attending the Specsavers Hangar Ball this year as part of their farewell to Guernsey and before their Freedom of Guernsey Parade on Monday 9 May, Liberation Day itself.
A Bank Holiday service for all bus routes will operate on Monday 9 May.

An extended bus service will operate in the evening of Monday 9 May, Liberation Day, with all departures from the Bus Terminus that will be located at Havelet Bay (not The Albany).

Routes and Departure Times are as follows:
- Route 3: 10.30pm
- Route 3A: 7.35pm, 8.35pm, 9.35pm and 10.30pm
- Route 5 South: 8.30pm and 10.30pm
- Route 5 North: 8.20pm and 10.30pm
- Route 6A South: 9.31pm and 10.30pm
- Route 7: 9.15pm and 10.30pm
- Route 7A: 9.05pm and 10.30pm

A separate Park ‘n’ Ride service, free of charge, will operate between the relocated Bus Terminus at Havelet Bay and the top of Val des Terres. The service will run continuously from 8.00am to 10.30pm on Liberation Day. The vehicles will be Island Coachway branded coaches and will have clear Park ‘n’ Ride signs on their windscreens.

North Beach will be open to parking all day on Liberation Day. Whilst the car parking duration periods (2 hour, 3 hour and 10 hour) will not apply, certain rows will be reserved for either Disabled Parking or Trader/Entertainment Parking for those who are taking part in the Liberation Celebrations.

Access to North Beach will be as normal via the Weighbridge Roundabout and all cars exiting North Beach will either have to go up St. Julian’s Avenue or turn right down Glaegny Esplanade. North Esplanade and The Quay will be closed from 8.00am to 12 midnight on Monday 9 May.

Disabled Parking will be available in Rows A and B in North Beach car park and also on The Albany on a first-come first-served basis.

Guernsey’s Liberation Day, Monday 9 May, celebrates the priceless concept of freedom. It is a day of commemoration and celebration with entertainment, church services, pageantry, music and dance for all age groups throughout the day and evening in St. Peter Port.

The annual Liberation Celebrations are organised by the States of Guernsey’s Culture and Leisure Department who, in conjunction with the support of local Guernsey based companies, provide the funds for this special day that celebrates the euphoria of 9 May 1945.

Whilst every care and attention has been paid to the organisation of 2011 Liberation Celebrations it is impossible to plan for every eventuality. Parents of small children are urged to be extra vigilant as the crowds in St. Peter Port can be substantial. A “Lost and Found” facility is located on Albert Pier and the public address system, audible throughout the Weighbridge Roundabout to the Albert Memorial area, is available for announcements relating to “lost” and “found” children.

Both St. John Ambulance & Rescue Service and St. John’s Ambulance (Voluntary) have a physical presence in St. Peter Port on Liberation Day. St. John’s Voluntary will have a vehicle and team located next to the Picquet House and St. John Ambulance & Rescue Service will be deploying paramedics on bicycles. Easily identifiable marshals, in high visibility waistcoats, on duty throughout the Liberation Celebrations, can contact St. John’s at any stage if medical assistance is required by spectators or members of the public.

2011 is the start of a five year Liberation Celebrations programme, leading up to the 70th anniversary in 2015 and all feedback from this year’s Celebrations and ideas for future Liberation Celebrations are welcomed. Please call the Culture and Leisure Department on (01481) 713888 or email info.centre@cultureleisure.gov.gg.

For more information on the 2011 Liberation Celebrations before Monday 9 May, please call either The Guernsey Information Centre on (01481) 723552 or The Guernsey Event Company on (01481) 728586.

“Freedom would be meaningless without security in the home and in the streets.” Nelson Mandela
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“It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you.”

Author Unknown
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