



To All Members of The First Class CW Operators Club

Note: This document will be updated from time to time as the event gets closer

2024 AGM and International Gala Dinner Weekend

Location – Guernsey, Channel Islands, Great Britain

Background

Following last year's FOC AGM and Dinner evening at Greenwich in London it was proposed that our 2024 AGM and Gala Dinner should take place in Guernsey in the Channel Islands. We intend this to be the biggest event for many years and the Committee would really appreciate as many members as possible making a special effort to attend our weekend of socialising, sightseeing, enjoying presentations enjoying exquisite food and of course just having some long overdue fun!

The AGM and Gala Dinner weekend Itinerary

Members will travel to the Island of Guernsey on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th September in preparation for a weekend of activities, socialising and formality as we hold our AGM on the Saturday afternoon and have a special social evening on Friday and our finally our International Gala Dinner on Saturday 21st September.

Friday 20th September 2024

As members, partners and friends settle down to island life on Friday our first get together will be at Sorrento Italian Restaurant on the harbour front in Guernsey in the evening. The restaurant is a ten/fifteen minute walk from the main event hotel. A taxi can be booked if preferred. You will see an easy to use meal booking option on our webpage dedicated to the AGM/Gala Dinner Weekend.

Sorrento is the best Italian restaurant in the island and we hope to secure the entire top floor of the restaurant (dependant on final numbers) with views across the harbour and to Castle Cornet which is lit at night. The food is delicious.

Details of the three course menu choices are on the drop down box on the booking form. The price is £35 per person with all tips/gratuities included.

Dress code – smart casual

[Sorrento - Italian Restaurant & Bar in Guernsey](#)

Saturday 21st September

For members that are interested we propose to visit the German Naval Signals Headquarters. This is a ten minute easy walk from the Duke of Richmond and well worth a visit by members who are interested in the history of the German Occupation and there are lots of radio kits on view as well! The HQ has been carefully restored to its original condition. We have secured a private session at the museum and costs will be covered by FOC. We need to be there by 09:15 latest so all attendees are advised to meet at The Duke of Richmond reception at 09:00 for departure. Members and guests staying at other locations can meet at the Naval Headquarters for 09:15. (Limited parking).

The headquarters was for the German Naval Command of the Channel Islands during the Second World War. All the important radio signals traffic for the German Forces for all of the Channel Islands was handled here. The site is highly recommended for anyone with an interest in wireless technology or history of the Second World War in particular.

[German Naval Signals HQ - Guernsey Museums \(gov.gg\)](#)

AGM Info

Presentations will take place in the afternoon in the Richmond and Lennox Suites upstairs with the AGM taking place at **16:00**. Estimated conclusion **17:30**

Presentations

14:00 FOC and CW: "past, present and future" – Nigel OE5TXF

14:40 N5J Jarvis Island 2024 DXpedition – Adrian KO8SCA

The Leopard Bar and Terrace will be open all day for refreshments and alcoholic drinks of course. We have the rooms for the day and so there will be a seamless transition to all events.

Partners Programme

Antonietta – (President Bob GU4YOX's XYL) will be looking after partners on the Saturday morning onwards. Here are a choice of options:

A: A gentle walk around St.Peter Port with Antonietta is proposed from 0930 once members have gone off to the Naval signals HQ. (Meet at reception for a 9:30 departure) You can drift off as you wish but Antonietta will be on hand to answer any questions. There are sandwich bars around and many small eateries with outdoor seating for lunch.

B: If you would like to visit Victor Hugo's house you have to book on line. Please follow the link to book this. A visit takes about 90 minutes for the tour and early booking is recommended and is located in St.Peter Port. Best to walk there if possible as limited parking. A taxi can be taken if desired by arrangement with the hotel reception. [Maisons Victor Hugo | Guernesey \(paris.fr\)](#)
[Victor Hugo House \(Hauteville House\) | Visit Guernsey](#)



Photo: Statue of Victor Hugo by the Town Church with a “Toilers of the sea” book theme. Or “Toilers of the CW” with Vibroplex Key!

C: A free day for partners to explore St.Peter Port and take in all the sights and retail therapy at many boutique stores (shops) in town. (10 minute walk)

D: Members may decide that they wish to do something completely independent which is fine. Here is a link of many activities and things of interest around our beautiful island to consider. There are a number of small museums to visit too (mostly in town so all walkable:

[Things to Do in Guernsey | Visit Guernsey](#)

E. Finally, if a bus tour around the island suits you then head to the Bus Terminus on the sea front and take a 92 bus which circumnavigates the island in anti-clockwise direction. £10 per ticket and is a day pass so can use to hop on and off as you wish. <https://buses.gg/> tickets can be bought on the bus and credit/debit cards only or Puffin pass from the bus terminus (No Cash accepted).

FOC INTERNATIONAL GALA DINNER EVENING

19:00 – 19:30

Drinks Reception in the Cambridge Suite

The Cambridge Suite is a delightful setting to get the evening off to a great start. We will have local four piece string quartet – **Mariposa Strings** performing in the background for us whilst we meet fellow members and friends



19:30 - Dinner is Called and Please be Seated

Sussex Suite – FOC Gala Dinner

Please choose your meal choices on the home event webpage on the drop down boxes if you are just registering now.

Order of Events for our International Gala Dinner

19:30

Welcome - by FOC President Bob Beebe, GU4YOX

Toasts - by FOC President Bob Beebe GU4YOX

His Majesty King Charles III

The First Class CW Operators Club

International Members and Guests and Absent Friends

Proposed: James G4ILW

Reply: Andy Chadwick 5Z4VJ

Presentations

Al Slater G3FXB Award

Unsung Hero

Honoured Member

International Gala Dinner 20:00

Raffle

We have an exciting raffle with some wonderful radio and non-radio related prizes already donated. Details to follow (If you have any high value item you would like to donate for the Raffle event or auction, (funds to support FOC) please contact Bob GU4YOX – gu4yox@cwgsy.net)

FOC Cake

Bob, GU4YOX's wife Antonietta and daughter Alessia own and run a professional cake baking business on the island and have kindly donated an event cake for FOC for the evening to be served with coffees. The cake will be uniquely designed especially for our event.

Check out the Little Cake Haven here on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/thelittlecakehaven>

Carriages at 11:45

The Venue

Duke of Richmond Hotel Home Page: <https://dukeofrichmond.com>

The Duke of Richmond has held 2023 room prices especially for us and will hold a number of rooms, until **end of March 2024**.

The rooms are very well proportioned and members may wish to choose to stay at the venue hotel or consider other nearby options but we can confirm it is a super hotel of exquisite quality and is the preferred venue to stay over.

We have successfully negotiated FOC members and guests special rates for our weekend and the following room rates apply:

£212 Classic Double
£241 Seaview Double
£264 King/Twin
£292 Superior King/Twin
£350 Seaview King/Twin
£402 Junior Suite
£502 Junior Suite with Terrace
£575 Penthouse

The prices are for the room so for example a couple would pay the above price with 2 x breakfast included per day. Single room packages will need to be discussed with the hotel.

A link to see the rooms can be found here: <https://dukeofrichmond.com/rooms>

The booking code is **“THE FIRST CLASS CW OPERATORS CLUB”**

Email: **reservations@dukeofrichmond.com**
or better call to book your room call on **+44 1481 726221**

The nearest alternative accommodation would be at Les Cotils - <https://www.lescotils.com/>

Les Cotils is a local Christian centre but very popular with islanders who wish peace and tranquillity. Room prices are around £100 for a double room with breakfast.

There are of course a wealth of other hotels/Bed & Breakfast/AirBnB options available and perhaps members may wish to stay elsewhere in town or in a rural setting. Buses and taxis would have to be used to get around. Hire/Rental cars tend to be expensive and with the very small roads here, non-locals can find it difficult to find their way around and drive in Guernsey. The island is circa 9 miles long and 4 miles wide.

With our proposed event weekend itinerary taking place in St.Peter Port perhaps a town hotel (select from them on the weblink below) may be best suited if not staying at the DOR/Les Cotils.

<https://www.visitguernsey.com/accommodation/places-to-stay-in-guernsey/>

Any further questions on logistics on getting to Guernsey and booking accommodation if unsure, please contact Bob – GU4YOX (gu4yox@cwgsy.net)