



Calendar Dates

DON'T SEND THE SEARCH PARTY

Just to reiterate that I will not be on-site tomorrow (**Thursday**) all day. For any urgent matters that may arise, please contact **Edward on M: 0414 357 745**. If you have ordered an evening meal, don't forget to collect it from the ground floor fridge. Thank you.



Hester Class

How do you fathom a sixteen year old girl spending over six months alone circumnavigating the world. Well, you sit back and sail your way through '**True Spirit**', taken from the memoirs of Jessica Watson who dreamed big to be the youngest person to sail unassisted around the globe. Screening for your pleasure **Tuesday 6 June at 7:30pm**.

BOOK THIS IN

Guest Author **M.K. Jacobs** will grace **Hester Canterbury** on **Thursday 22 June** to entice you with the backstory to her novels and her knowledge of genealogy. More details to follow.



Notices

NO PARKING

Given the basement car park is receiving a makeover on **Friday 2 June** and technology still has not invented the hover vehicle, it will be necessary for **all residents** to relocate their vehicles out onto the street **by 9am** in readiness for the cleaning contractors. We apologise for the early start but it is important that they have access to as many car spaces as possible. The cleaning should take roughly **2 hours** to complete. Here's to a grime free car park worthy of your vehicle.



LET THE WINTER SUN SHINE BRIGHT

It's that time again for the 6 monthly **Exterior Clean Melbourne** window wash of all **Hester Canterbury** exterior windows, kicking off **Tuesday 13 June from 7:30am until Thursday 15 June**.



Also, for those that wish to have their interior windows and / or balconies cleaned, there is a **sign-up form** at **Reception** for you to place your details. The charge for this additional service is on the form. Balcony cleans will take place on **Thursday 8 June** for those that have indicated.



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ARMCHAIR TRAVEL DELIGHTS

Sark is a flyspeck of an island group among the **Channel Islands**, an independent fiefdom (really) since **1565** when Liz First granted the island to a hereditary boss (seigneur), who in turn carved up the island among 40 families to hold in perpetuity.

Nothing much happened for the next **440 years** or so (the Germans came and went) until 2007, when the **Barclay** brothers (newspaper barons, not the bank) bought an offshore island and began to build their castle - which rather says it all. Progressively the feudal system went and they acquired land from the 40 families and a slab of the business on the island, including the newspaper and most of the hotels, etc, perhaps with the idea of creating a casino on **Sark** - where naturally no income tax is paid.

When Annie and I visited ten years ago, the island was in turmoil, the **Barclays** had mounted total war for control - they closed the hotels, replaced the dairy pastures with vineyards, argued aggressively with the local council, pressed the UK government for support and pursued litigation everywhere from the Privy Council to the European Court of Human Rights.



Despite all that, the island was / is a delight - temperate climate, profusion of flowers, no cars, unmade roads, fabulous sea-bird colonies (we were chasing puffins), an extraordinary history and, of course, all duty-free, although the prices seemed to have been adjusted to compensate.

In the intervening years, the **Barclays** seem to have retreated somewhat, the vines have not prospered and the Prince's Trust now seems likely to tip some money in to maintain the islands heritage. Things are looking up, literally - it is designated as the first dark sky island in the world - no street lights!

Author **I. Phillips**

**Week One of the Autumn Menu starts on Monday 05 June.
Please place any orders by 1pm the Thursday before.
Bon Appetit!**