

FACILITIES FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS AND AMBULANT DISABLED PEOPLE 2015 LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS, SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015

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The organisers of Guernsey special 70th Liberation Celebrations have worked with the Guernsey Disability Alliance and the Guernsey Access Group to make access arrangements for wheelchair users and ambulant disabled people in St Peter Port for the 70th anniversary Liberation Celebrations.

BLUE BADGE PARKING

Whilst parking has been suspended on all the main piers on Saturday 9 May 2015, parking areas for Blue Badge Holders only will be available at:

- The Albany, next to the Bus Terminus – will be reserved in totality for Blue Badge Holders. The wider bays at the northern end, are reserved specifically for wheelchair users
- Parking on The Albany will be on a space available basis
- Additional Blue Badge Parking will be available both in Church Square, with entrance and exit from Fountain Street, and Le Carrefour by Creasey's in Fountain Street

PARK 'N' RIDE SERVICES FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

Two special Park 'n' Ride services will operate for Blue Badge Holders and their passengers from:

- Car park at Lukis House to the top of Smith Street – from 10.30am to 5pm
- Car park at Sir Charles Frossard House to The Albany – from 9am to 5pm

Both Blue Badge Holder Park 'n' Ride services will be provided at no cost to the user. Services will leave on the hour and half past the hour from Lukis House and Sir Charles Frossard House and on the 15 minutes and 45 minutes from Smith Street and The Albany respectively. These Park 'n' Ride services will not be accessible for wheelchair users and people who use a wheelchair are encouraged to park at or be dropped off at/collected from The Albany.

Organisers of the 2015 Liberation Celebrations are expecting St Peter Port and the Sea Front to be extremely busy on Liberation Day. Users of the Blue Badge Holder Park 'n' Ride services are asked to be patient if there is a delay in any of the picking up / dropping off times. Any delays will be due to traffic in the immediate vicinity of St. Peter Port.

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

With the exception of Crown Pier, all accessible toilets in permanent locations will be operational on Liberation Day. The number of accessible toilets has been increased with portable units and the facilities at the Guernsey Information Centre that will be open from 9am to 5pm.

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Accessible toilets will be located at:

- Salerie Corner – portable toilet
- North Beach – accessible with a RADAR key
- Guernsey Information Centre – no RADAR key required
- Market Square – accessible with a RADAR key
- Albert Pier – portable toilet
- Bus Terminus – accessible with a RADAR key

VIEWING OF THE CAVALCADE

The 2015 Condor Liberation Cavalcade will take place from 2.30pm to 4pm. The Cavalcade, in its entirety with the military personnel at the front and Belles & Broomsticks at the rear, will travel its route from Salerie Corner to the filter in turn at the southern end of the South Esplanade and then turn northwards to return to the Salerie Corner.

The Condor Liberation Cavalcade will travel on the right hand side of the sea front both travelling south and northwards and the route will have barriers on both the land and seaward sides to protect spectators. There will be various crossing points, along the sea front, and these will be manned by both Guernsey Police Officers and easily identifiable marshals.

There will be seating, for up to 40 people, on the flat area in front of Le Picquet House beside the Albert Memorial. This seating area is reserved for wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments. Non-disabled members of the public are asked not to occupy them.

“Liberation Day is a huge celebration for everyone, especially this year. We’re grateful to the organisers for such a positive response to the island’s new Disability Strategy, exploring new ways to make it easier for disabled islanders to join in. .” said Shelaine Green, Chair of the Guernsey Disability Alliance.

“I am delighted that working with disability groups has resulted in such a proactive and positive approach with the result being that more arrangements for accessibility have been made available this year than in previous years.” Said Deputy Mike O’Hara, Minister of Culture and Leisure, States of Guernsey and overall organisers of the 2015 Liberation Celebrations.

Full information on Access For All, along with the full programme of events and activities, can be found at www.guernseyliberationday.com

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