



Coral Reef Club

# THE GRAPEVINE

AUTUMN / WINTER 2017



THE SANDPIPER



Here we go again - Are you sure there are still 365 days in a year? They go awfully fast! We have enjoyed quite a good year. Our repeat guests continue to return, much to our delight, and our new guests often ask how it is that they had not discovered us before.

I took my annual trip to the U.K. over the summer which, as ever, I thoroughly enjoyed. I celebrated my 87th birthday, or should that read 78? - Wishful thinking I am afraid! As a family we had lunch together to celebrate the occasion and it was great fun.

I count my blessings having my family close by, both in Barbados and England. With one exception, seven out of my eight grandchildren are in England, either in education or gradually finding employment in different directions, all achieving a wonderful feeling of independence.

Talking of families, I like to look upon the entire staff, both at Coral Reef and Sandpiper, as my huge extended family. In reading the Guest Comment Sheets I often wonder how many other hotels receive such complimentary remarks about their teams, so many wonderful references to friendliness, caring and how keen the staff are to contribute to the guest experience.

Mercifully, Barbados was incredibly fortunate to escape the havoc that swept through so many islands north of us. Barbados has assisted the islands who suffered terrible devastation, both on a large and a small scale. Our own Housekeeping Department even took it upon themselves to set up a collection point within the Linen Room, donating all kinds of day to day items. I was very touched at their concern and generosity.

The family joins me in sending our good wishes to all of our wonderful Coral Reef and Sandpiper guests. We do hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you back in 2018.

*Cynthia O'Hara*

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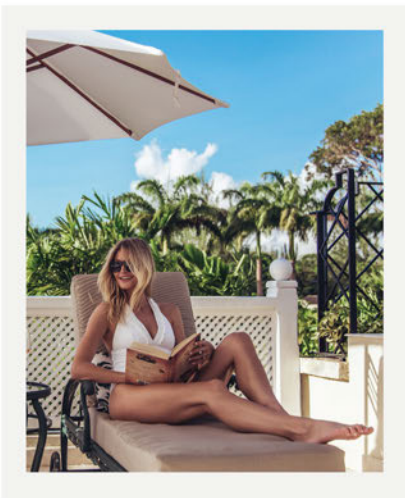




## HOTEL UPDATES

### CORAL REEF CLUB

Coral Reef Club re-opened at the end of September having completed its programme of new bathrooms, with all of our rooms now having beautiful contemporary bathrooms that we are confident our guests will love. Likewise, the new furniture and attractive accent cushions introduced on numerous patios have been well received. As ever, the details and touches make all the difference.

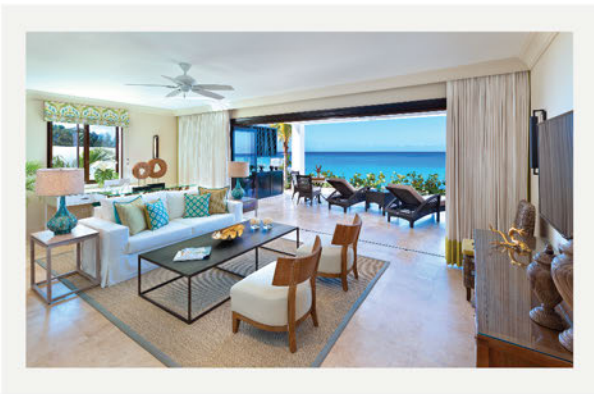


‘Unshowy elegance pervades the Coral Reef Club’ was how one writer recently described us. We like to think this epitomizes the very essence of what we strive to accomplish. Whilst we will always be rooted in sophisticated Caribbean charm, it’s always an evolution rather than a revolution in terms of change. In a world where there is a feverish obsession with new happenings, we get excited about physical changes, although as a family business, we hold the tenets of hospitality close to our hearts. Our entire team shares our fundamental core belief that most importantly, it’s the way we host our guests that most matters. That personal, warm welcome. That sincere friendliness. And that deep rooted desire to deliver the best possible holiday experience.



## THE SANDPIPER

We re-opened on 11th October after our annual closure with lots of work having been carried out around the hotel. Fabrics are being changed and as always there will be some special new additions for this season. The hotel is busy already with lots of familiar faces and some new ones and we enjoyed having our Wellness Retreat at The Spa at Coral Reef since we reopened.



Sandpiper has really settled in to its new look with the lap pool nestled in the gardens and it's amazing that all of the guests, including those who were a little nervous about the addition of the pool, now love what it's done for the property. The serene sound of water falling from the beautiful copper water feature and comfortable seating in or out of the water, has created a lovely new area for guests to enjoy. Additionally Harold's

Bar has evolved into a more spacious, still relaxed area and lunch has been re-vamped to include new menu items. A new Head Chef has joined us to complement our accomplished team led by Christophe Poupardin, our long standing Executive Chef.

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*“De devil does find work  
fuh idle hands to do”*

PEOPLE WITH NOTHING TO DO,  
GET THEMSELVES INTO MISCHIEF

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The Beach House Suites are now firm favourites with their own repeat guests after only three seasons. The beautiful and yet relaxed interiors enhance and highlight the main attraction - an uninterrupted strip of blue sea and sky. Cream linen upholstery, accessories in azure and coral, lime washed ceilings and stone floors evoke luxury and yet create a “beachy”, chic Caribbean style.

Our team do what they do, not to win awards, but because they genuinely enjoy their work at The Sandpiper and care about our guests’ holidays. However, it is heartening every now and then to receive an accolade and we are thrilled to say that The Sandpiper won “Barbados’ Leading Hotel 2017” in this year’s World Travel Awards. Apart from that we are more proud just to know that we have many guests who depart saying that they’ll be back again next year. We feel there is no better commendation than that.



## VILLA LIFE

Our two family villas, at Coral Reef Club “Tamarind” and “Ixora”, are hidden gems in more ways than one. Tucked in a corner of the grounds, between mature trees and facing a waterway, they are almost hidden from view and offer a sense of privacy.



To stay in a villa within the beautiful grounds of a hotel is a unique indulgence as it allows you to benefit from both the villa and hotel experiences all at once. The spaciousness of a private 3 or 4 bedroom villa can be enjoyed by your party alongside the extensive hotel facilities including tennis courts, gym, spa, Beach Butler service, and of course the social side of life with other guests.



## HAROLD'S BAR

Harold's Bar is obviously well known to Sandpiper's guests and those in the know at Coral Reef. An easy stroll down the beach for a rum punch pit stop and chat with Harold is one of the highlights of the holiday. Harold is always happy to welcome guests from either hotel to his bamboo clad bar for memorable alfresco drinks and/or relaxed lunch! He and his team make this an ideal place to spend those long, leisurely lunches that make a holiday.

**Enthusiasts** - There's a lot more to Barbados than beaches, rum punch and swimming with the turtles; in fact there is something for every enthusiast.

**For Marathon Runners** - We have the "Come for the Run...Stay for the Fun" marathons and half marathons on the first weekend in December each year. We have friends flying out this year for it - what better place to run a marathon?

**For Cricket Fans** - Barbados will host the North-South Series featuring matches on 18th, 21st and 23rd March and on 27th - 30th March there will be a Champion County Match MCC XI and Essex, the 2017 County Champions. It will be a 4 day pink-ball first class match at the iconic Kensington Oval.

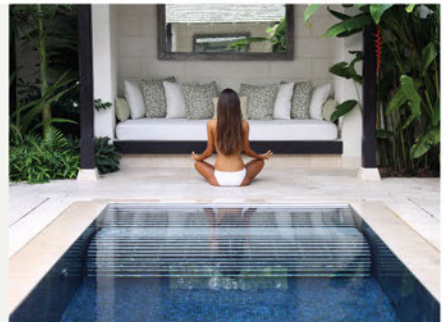
**For History Buffs** - Apart from beautiful plantation houses dotted around the island, we have historic

Bridgetown and its Garrison recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with outstanding examples of British colonial architecture from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Also located in the World Heritage Site is the oldest synagogue in the Americas, dating back to 1628 with its fascinating museum. Barbados is the only place that George Washington visited outside of North America and the George Washington House is an interesting tour.

**For Garden Buffs** - What a perfect holiday to mix visits to special gardens with luxuriating at Coral Reef Club or The Sandpiper! Hunte's Gardens and Orchid World are two such gardens and there are more. We also offer tours of our own gardens to our guests.

## SPA/WELLNESS

Our Wellness Retreats continue to be popular with guests who enjoy the luxuries of a beach holiday along with varied fitness sessions including hikes through gullies or beachside cliffs and classes curated to enhance wellbeing. Our next Wellness Retreats are 9 - 16th March, 11 - 18th May and 19 - 26th October, 2018.





## SPECIAL OFFERS

- 7 nights for the price of 6 nights at both hotels, 9 May - 1 November 2018.
- 7 nights for the price of 5 nights at both hotels, 10 - 18 December 2018.
- 50% discount on 2nd room for bookings of 7 nights or longer at Coral Reef Club, 14 July - 25 August 2018.
- Children under 12 years sharing with parents free of charge at both hotels 9 May - 1 November 2018.

All of the above offers are for stays completed between the given dates and are not combinable.

Please visit our websites [www.coralreefbarbados.com](http://www.coralreefbarbados.com) and [www.sandpiperbarbados.com](http://www.sandpiperbarbados.com) for full details and conditions.



## RESTAURANT SCENE

Some of you may be familiar now with the The Cliff Beach Club; the cool, casual sister restaurant of The Cliff, the iconic, theatrical restaurant with torch lit decks perched above an idyllic cove. The Cliff Beach Club has added a new, stylish breed of restaurant to the island. In addition to this, from this winter season we will have Nikki Beach open just north of Speightstown and Hugo's, sister restaurant to Cin Cin. Hugo's is set in a beachfront location with its architecture blending traditional with modern, clean lines and promises to be a great addition to the restaurant scene.

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## AIRPORT FAST TRACK

This is a service that we highly recommend, enabling you to avoid lines at immigration and customs on arrival at Grantley Adams International Airport. In addition to whisking through the immigration line, there is now a separate fast track customs line that has improved the service.

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*"Yuh can' want it in de glass and de bottle too"*

YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

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