

THE GRAPEVINE AUTUMN / WINTER 2018





It is hard to believe that another year has passed since I wrote a similar letter to you. I am delighted to tell you that all is well in Barbados with both Coral Reef Club and Sandpiper, and also the O'Hara and Capaldi families. During our brief summer closures, we carried out our usual annual refurbishment works and are all set for an exciting season ahead.

As is now the growing trend, we have a female Prime Minister in Barbados, the highly respected Ms. Mia Amor Mottley. Hers was a landslide victory, and we all have great expectations.

The highlights of my annual U.K. holiday were the occasions when I entertained my very grown up grandchildren. When choosing between red or white wine, you know you have reached a different level of friendship. What good company they are. Those who should be working are, and the last two, Jack and Gemma, are in their final year at school. With their 18th birthdays just two weeks apart, they each invited six school friends to stay with them during half term. They certainly crammed everything possible into their time at home, and their party was a huge success. I had forgotten I can still dance!

Whilst England had a very hot summer, some people found it overpowering. Meanwhile our guests in Barbados were enjoying good weather, the sea and beaches, with the added comfort of air conditioning!

On a recent social occasion I was asked how I managed to remain fit. My reply was - a swim before breakfast, dark chocolate after lunch and red wine with dinner, works like a charm.

My family and the entire team at Coral Reef and Sandpiper join me in sending our good wishes. We do hope we have the pleasure of seeing you during the course of the year.

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