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GUERNSEY & THE WORLD TIMELINE

key: **Guernsey** **the world** C: Approximately BC: Before Christ AD: After Christ

2,600,000,000 years ago

Guernsey's earliest rocks were formed



65,000,000 years ago

Dinosaurs became extinct



We don't have any dinosaur bones or earlier fossils in Guernsey because rocks from that time have completely eroded away.

2,500,000 years ago to 10,000 BC

Ice Ages



The world cooled down and warmed up several times. Sea levels fell than rose again.

10,000 BC

First people live in Guernsey

They are hunters
who use stone to make
weapons and tools
(Upper Palaeolithic).



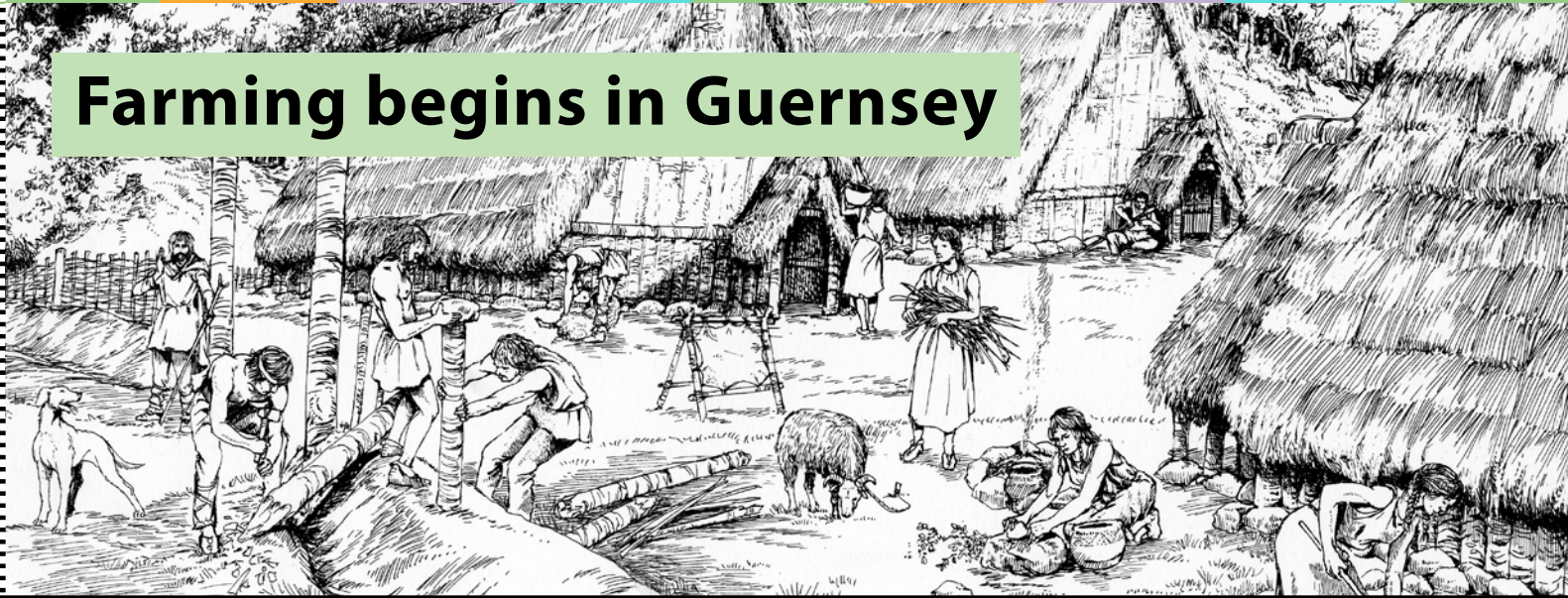
9,000 BC

Guernsey becomes an island

Guernsey was once connected to France but sea levels rose and flooded the land in between.

C. **5,500** BC - **2,300** BC

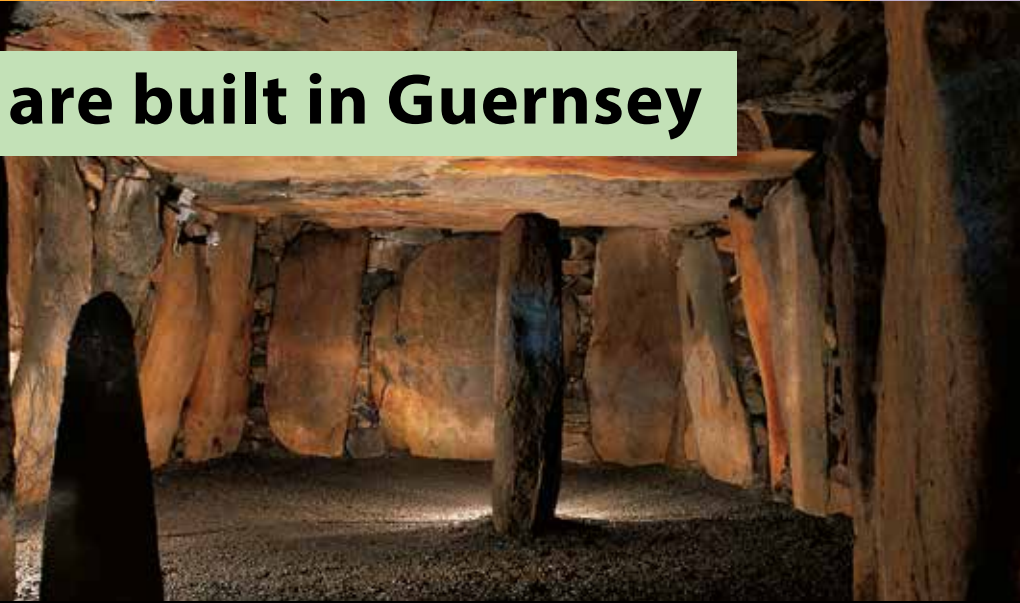
Farming begins in Guernsey



Guernsey people
use fine stone
tools (Neolithic).

C. **4,500** BC - **2,000** BC

Dolmens are built in Guernsey



The earliest dolmen (tomb) in Guernsey is Les Fouaillages which was started in about 4,500BC.

C. **3,100** BC - **2,000** BC

Stonehenge built



2,600 BC

First Pyramids built in Egypt



C. 2,300 BC

Bronze Age begins in Guernsey



People discover bronze, which is a mixture of copper and tin. It is a hard metal which can be used to make tools, weapons and jewellery.

C. **750** BC

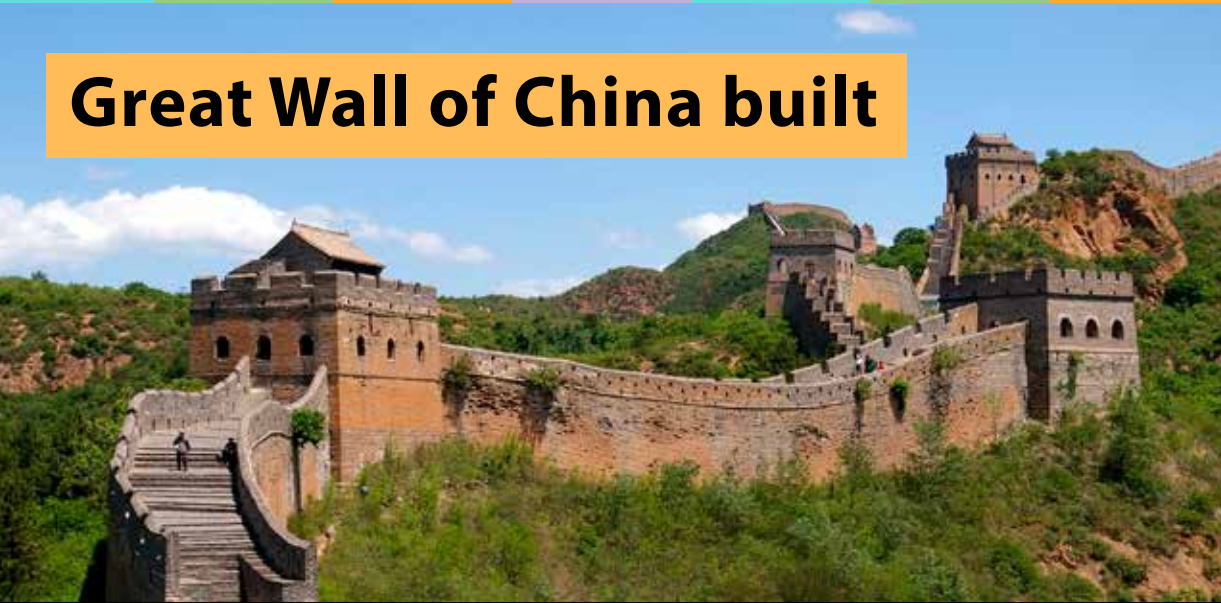
Iron Age begins in Guernsey

Iron replaces bronze as the most useful metal. The Celts were warlike people who lived in tribes during the Iron Age.



220 BC

Great Wall of China built



The wall is so long it could stretch from Guernsey to New York.

56 BC

Romans conquer France



France becomes
part of the
Roman Empire
and is known as
Gaul.

C. **56** BC - C. **450**

Guernsey is in the Roman Empire



AD 43

Romans invade Britain

Britain
becomes part
of the Roman
Empire.



410 - 486

Roman rule ends



Saxons and Angles leave their homes in Denmark, Holland and Germany and invade England in wooden ships.

C. 450 - 933

Franks or Bretons rule Guernsey



Franks invade France from Germany. Bretons move to France from South-West Britain.

525 - 560

St Sampson



St Sampson
arrives in
Guernsey and
builds a church.

793 - 1066

Vikings invade



Vikings sail from Norway, Sweden & Denmark in their long ships. They settle in northern France to become the Normans.

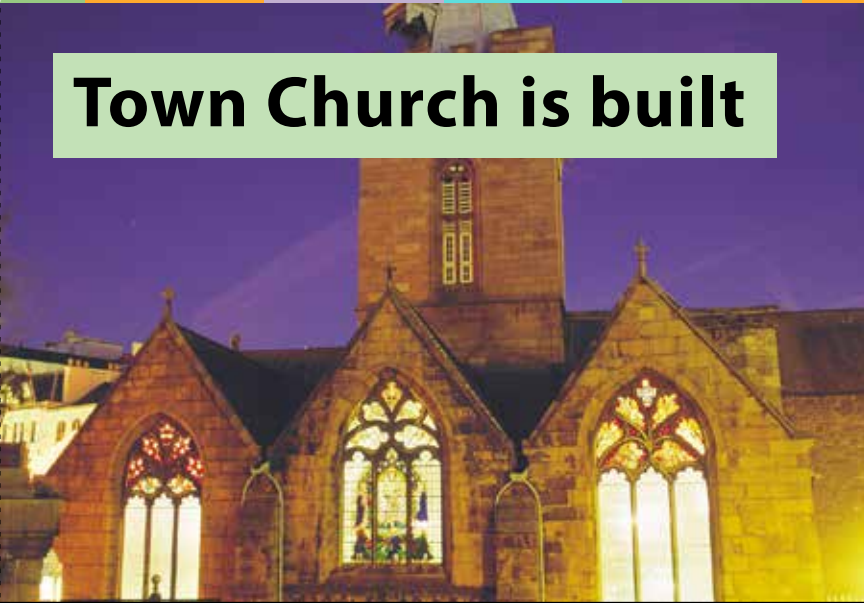
c. 933

Normans rule Guernsey



1048

Town Church is built



1066

Battle of Hastings

The Duke of
Normandy becomes
King of England.



1204

King John loses Normandy to French

The Channel Islands are the only part of Normandy not lost to the French. Since then Guernsey has been a 'dependency' of the English Crown but not part of England.



1485 - 1603

Tudors



The Tudor Royal family included two of the most famous rulers in world history.

1492

Columbus reaches America



1690 - 1815

Merchants & Privateers



Guernsey merchants grow rich through trade. Some local ships are armed as privateers to plunder enemy vessels.

1789 - 1815

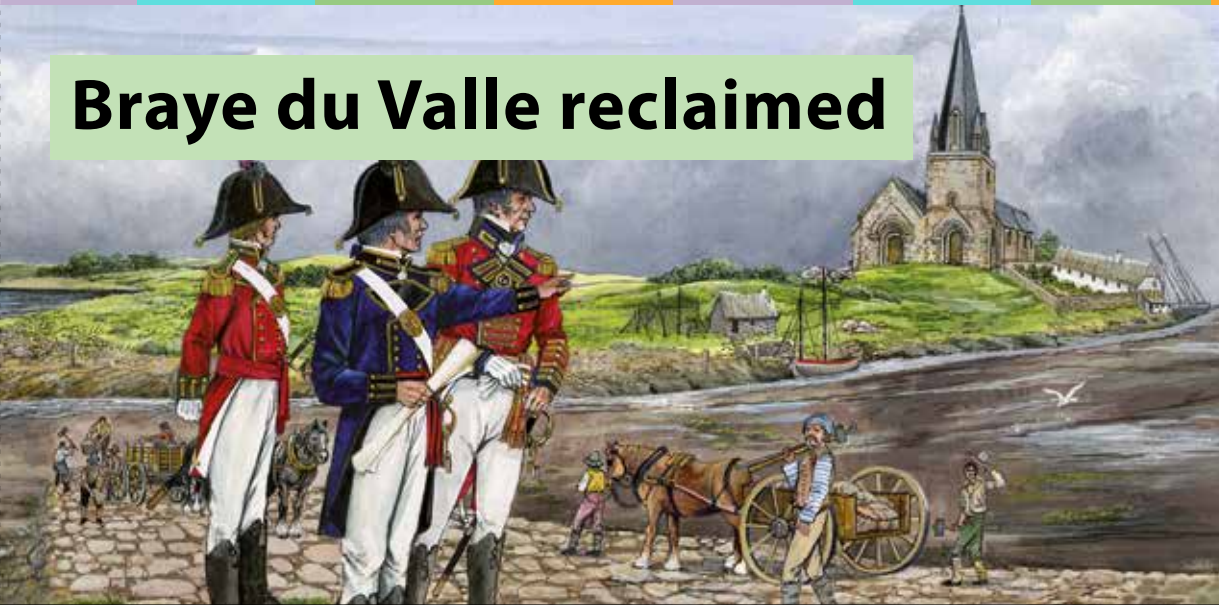
French Revolution & Napoleonic Wars



Britain is at war with France. Guernsey is fortified against invasion. Guernsey man Admiral James de Saumarez is second in command to Lord Nelson at the Battle of the Nile, 1798.

1806

Braye du Valle reclaimed



The tidal channel known as Braye du Valle is reclaimed from the sea.

1837 - 1901

Victorians



Britain became the most powerful and richest country in the world. One in four people were ruled by the British Empire.

c.1800 - c.1920

Quarrying & Ship Building



1914 - 1918

First World War



One in twenty of
Guernsey's men are
killed in the war.

1939 - 1945

Second World War



1940 - 1945

German Forces occupy the Channel Islands



Islanders are freed on 9 May 1945 and this day is celebrated as Liberation Day.

1950 - 1990

Tomato growing & tourism

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1963 - present

Finance Industry

Guernsey now depends on the finance industry for its prosperity.

