

CONDOR COMPETITION BRINGS FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOGETHER

CONDOR Ferries brought together last weekend the friends and relatives of a Jersey woman.

Lesley Stout was chosen as the winner of the Condor Ferries friends and family competition which gave islanders the opportunity to bring their friends and family across to Jersey for a weekend break which included travel, accommodation and a fantastic dinner party with champagne reception. Entrants were asked to explain why they felt they deserved to win the prize.

'Every one of Condor's sailings brings friends and families back together. Friends and family are important to us all and the competition seemed an ideal way to celebrate that,' said Steve Bailey, Condor Ferries' Jersey Manager.

'We had dozens of entries and there were so many fantastic stories that we found it incredibly difficult to choose a winner. The judging panel felt that Mrs Stout has been extremely brave during her battle against cancer and now has every reason to celebrate and we are delighted that we can bring some of her friends and family over to help her do that.'

In her entry Mrs Stout explained that she has twice battled breast cancer, once 10 years ago and then again last year and so she wanted to bring her friends and family across to Jersey to celebrate her new lease of life now that she feels better and her 50th birthday.

Mrs Stout had two of her best friends and their families come over from the UK together with her mother and uncle. Although she sees her Mum every year, she hasn't seen her friends for about eight years.

'They have been there for me on the phone but it was lovely to give them a hug and thank them for their support,' said Mrs Stout.

On Friday Mrs Stout was joined by 24 of her friends and family including her daughter Laura who came back from university and her sons Jamie and Alex for the celebration at the Yacht Club.

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'I am a member of the After Breast Cancer group and through that I have met lots of amazing people and also lost some. I know how lucky I am to still be here and it was fantastic to celebrate with some of the people who mean so much to me,' said Mrs Stout.

She continued her celebrations on Saturday night when the ABC group celebrated its 10th birthday at the Pink Ball and on Sunday she had a birthday party for even more of her Jersey friends.

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Notes to Editors

About Condor Ferries

Condor Ferries was founded in 1964 and initially operated a passenger service between France and the Channel Islands. In 1987 the first service linking the Channel Islands with the UK was launched and since then Condor Ferries has operated a year-round service connecting the UK through Poole, Weymouth and Portsmouth, the Channel Islands through Guernsey and Jersey and the ports of St Malo and Cherbourg in France.

Condor Ferries operates Condor Vitesse, Condor Express, and Condor 10 fast cat ferries. In 1999 Commodore Clipper, a conventional car, passenger and freight carrying vessel was introduced to the fleet to offer an all weather, year round service. Each year Condor Ferries carries some 900,000 passengers and 200,000 passenger vehicles.

Condor Ferries also operates Commodore Goodwill, as a freight only vessel. The Condor Ferries fleet carries 100,000 freight vehicles into the Channel Islands each year as well as exporting tonnes of local produce.

Condor Ferries is also an active member of the communities within which it operates and supports numerous organisations, sports and charities through sponsorship and travel.

More information about Condor Ferries and its services is available at www.condorferries.com.