

Our aim is to provide quests with boutique apartments, a step above boutique hotels. We're proud of our apartments and work hard to build our reputation. This couldn't be done without the passion and drive of the Pebbles Team.

Matthew Roberts can often be found hidden under accounting paperwork, maintenance reports and Gayle's "helpful" to-do list. Matt has a background in renovating property in the UK (just for fun!) and over in France and knows his numbers. As well as keeping the rentals on the straight and narrow, Matt helps our investment sales clients snap up those investment bargains. He just wishes he had the funds to buy them himself! His old life in the UK as a microbiologist now seems like a distant memory—though he still remembers the rain of course. Along with Gayle, he founded Nice Pebbles in 2006 and Riviera Pebbles in 2007.

Gayle Roberts will tell everyone that Matthew dragged her kicking and screaming from her old job as a solicitor in Manchester to the French Riviera, but really she just wanted Matthew to carry the responsibility if it all went wrong. Happily the change of career and lifestyle seems to suit her as much as Matthew. Now juggling being a mum with managing the rentals with Keely and Roni's help, she handles everything from guest relations, new client relations, website improvements and keeps an eye on how we can improve our service to our guests and clients.

Keely Barrett is our Northern English Rose. Enviably fluent in French, Keely settled in Nice in 2008 after finishing her French degree at Edinburgh University. Working firstly as part of our changeover team, Keely has quickly become our indispensable general manager. In reality this means Keely wears a lot of different hats including managing and assisting our team, handling reservations, taking care of our guests, assisting with the sales arm of the business and writing for the websites and our Pebbles Guide. Phew!

Veronica Sexton joined the office team in 2010 when she moved to France with her boyfriend when he landed a job too hard to turn down. Originally from Ireland with an impressive background in sales management and training, Roni began life at Pebbles helping with new enquiries but has quickly become our client manager and also took up the main role in organising our Pebbles Guide. Roni has travelled extensively and loves exploring new places and often does so by cycling around Nice and nearby towns.

Jennifer Neal is our newest office recruit and joined the team in 2011 when she moved to Nice from Greece where she spent two years as a restaurant manager. Originally from Sheffield, UK, she has been at the forefront of the customer service industry for most of her working life, working as a long-haul flights attendant for Emirates and as a hotel manager.





Marie Perrier is half French and half American and our Nice Pebbles Operations Manager. With a background in luxury apartment rentals and events co-ordinating, she joined us in early

2009 and now impressively juggles maintaining and improving the standards of our apartments, meeting our guests, co-ordinating our cleaners and meet-and-greet team, and keeps us all in check. No easy task, but with her huge smile and overall cuteness she can pretty much wrap us round her little finger.



Kelly McClain is originally from the US. Kelly came here to learn French at school and fell in love with both David Zincke (the humble yet very talented musician) and with Nice itself. She

joined us in 2010 and Nice is better for having her in it, and we know all our guests will love her big warm smile. As well as being a key part of our Nice Pebbles changeover team, Kelly helps with the finishing touches of some of our apartments' design and photography.



Liza Opher is one of our newest Nice Pebbles recruits joining our team in 2011. She is just a few years out of University where she studied Sociology, but has been working in Nice for five

years, coming over every university break to work in the town she loves. She settled here almost two years ago, with her boyfriend and two dogs, and we're loving having her around and we're sure all our guests will love her too.



Nancy Cooney Reglat has lived in Nice for several years and joined our team in 2010. Originally from the US, she moved here after she and her husband retired, but decided retirement didn't suit her. Not many

would turn down the opportunity for endless lazy days on the French Riviera, but we're glad she has. She loves meeting new people and introducing them to Nice.



Egle Variakojyte moved to the French Riviera for a new lifestyle and joined our Nice Pebbles changeover team at the end of 2010. Back in her home country of Lithuania, Egle studied tour-

ism management at university and gained experience working in several tourism jobs. In her spare time, Egle enjoys photography and travelling. Always positive and friendly, Egle loves to help guests make the most of their stay.



Bruno Defforge is our lovable Frenchman and after 20 years in the US, he returned to his roots and joined us in early 2009. Often complimented on his sheer enthusiasm by our guests, Bruno

is certainly larger than life and entertains us all in the office with his funny stories and huge smile. Both Nice

Pebbles and Riviera Pebbles want a piece of Bruno so he divides his workload between the two arms of the business, as well as helping out with maintenance.



Anne Line Lande is from Norway. Her work in global marketing for multi- national corporations has taken her all over the world and means she speaks several languages fluently including English and

French. She settled in Nice in 2005 and joined us in 2011 as one of our Riviera Pebbles apartment managers in Nice. Her passion is the great outdoors and what better way to enjoy this than the French Riviera. She's an avid sports enthusiast and thinks nothing of a nightly 10km run or a hilly cycle ride.



Malena Richard is our bubbly American who married a Frenchman, the charming Xavier who co-owns one of our favourite restaurants, Flaveur. They have two gorgeous little girls. She now

manages over 30 Riviera Pebbles properties. She has her own team to help since her properties range from villas to studios from Monaco to Nice. Malena's team includes **Elena**, Jen, and **Denise**.



Merillyn Araujo is originally from Brazil but after completing her degree in Business Management and Hospitality she moved to Atlanta in the US. Keen to travel, and with an aptitude for

languages (she speaks five) she then spent some time in Germany and London before settling in the French Riviera. Working first with Malena's team, Merillyn now manages her own portfolio of our Riviera Pebbles properties. When she is not working, she enjoys crafting jewellery pieces, baking cupcakes and walking.



Roxana Dumitriu is Romanian and speaks impressive English, French, Italian and Spanish. We've watched on in admiration as she tenaciously gets to the bottom of maintenance, building and techni-

cal issues for our owners. Though you'd never know her scary bossy nature if you met her with her approachable and friendly smile. She joined the team in early 2010 and manages our Riviera Pebbles Old Town apartments and loves to meet new people and pass on her tips for great restaurants and things to do whilst visiting.



Jane Fryer gave up London life back in 2005 for sun, sea and fresh air. Or at least that what she will tell you, but really the wine and cuisine had a lot to do with it! Luckily for her she enjoys

outdoor life too and walks off those calories in the mountains with her partner Siamak—who is one of our very handy tradesmen. Both of them joined the Pebbles team in early 2010 and Jane manages some of our Riviera Pebbles apartments in the Carré d'Or area.



Geraldine Hogg also packed her UK suitcase for good when visits to her Nice holiday apartment were simply not enough. Prior to her move to Nice she ran her own tea and coffee shop

complete with English scones. As you might expect, Geraldine loves meeting people and now manages some of our Riviera Pebbles apartments in the Carré d'Or area.



Victoria Foxhall is from Devon, UK, and gained a degree in hospitality management before moving to the sunnier shores of the French Riviera five years ago. She manages our properties

in Antibes, Golfe-Juan and Juan-les-Pins as well as our portfolio of Luxe Pebbles villas in St-Paul-de-Vence. Vicky is settled in Juan-les-Pins with her husband John, the friendly and helpful bank account manager at HSBC. Yes—it's a small world here. When they are not working they enjoy walking or skiing in the mountains.

Our Owners – We choose our owners carefully. All of them are pro-active, pleasant to deal with and responsive to any problems that occur in the apartments. We all appreciate how they are continually open to suggestions by way of improvements. Without them there would be no Nice Pebbles or Riviera Pebbles and we wouldn't be able to offer you the services we strive to give our guests.





Laura Poirier worked hard to find us our perfect holiday home. That was back in 2005. None of us ever imagined we'd now be working together every day, though her friendliness and honesty

certainly made sure we kept in touch with her over the years. We were delighted when she expressed an interest in joining us to head up Nice Pebbles Sales in early 2009. Laura is originally from Ireland, but has lived on the French Riviera for the last 15 years. She has two teenagers and is married to a Frenchman and has been an active sales agent on the French Riviera for 9 years.



Kim Defforge is the wife of our loveable Bruno, who she met on a blind date when they both lived in Atlanta in the US. A former French teacher with a degree in French and a Masters of Education, Kim

moved with Bruno to France in 2007. Since arriving in Nice in 2007, Kim has taught business English to adults and at a local business school, as well as doing her own property management business. Kim competed in adult-level ice skating and was an avid equestrian before turning to ballroom and Latin dancing, so she enjoys keeping herself busy. Joining the sales team at Nice Pebbles also keeps her on her toes and enjoying life on the Riviera.





