



CHRISTIAN GUILD Grapevine

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ONLINE BOOKINGS NOW AT ALL SIX HOTELS

RESERVING a room at a Christian Guild hotel has never been easier, now that our online booking system has been made available for all six hotels.

Visitors to www.christianguild.co.uk will see that each of the hotels now has a button to click for booking, or you can do so via the homepage of the site.

Managing Director Kevin Mantle said: *"We aim to make life easy for our guests, and using this latest innovation shows our commitment to meeting everyone's needs."*

"It's perfect because you can book at your own convenience, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you want to book at two in the morning, then now you can thanks to the online booking facility."

"If you don't use the internet, don't worry – all hotels will continue to take bookings over the telephone. It's great that we can offer our guests so many options."

MARTIN ELLIS

MARTIN Ellis has been appointed Chair of the Company. Martin joined the Board in April 2003 and has a long association with Christian Guild as both shareholder and host. We wish Martin every success in this new role.



MORE OR LESS

If you would like more copies of our Holidays & Short Breaks 2010 brochure to distribute to your friends or church, please contact Sarah at Derwent House on

01629 580550 and we will be delighted to despatch them to you.

If, however, you no longer wish to receive Christian Guild mailings, please also contact Sarah to be removed from the mailing list.



WINTER WARMERS

Available from November.
Phone the hotels for details.

WELCOME

The current rather pleasant early-autumn we've had might make you feel like summer wasn't too long ago, but we're fast approaching the shorter days and beautiful late autumnal colours that makes the countryside so spectacular at this time of year. There are still lots of holidays available for you at our six hotels with a wide variety of activities for you to enjoy throughout the autumn and winter periods.

You're assured of a warm welcome at all Christian Guild hotels, especially as some hotels offer fantastic log fires, so if you need a holiday or just a short break this autumn and winter, we're here for you. Every hotel is open 365 days a year – perfect if you just need a night's stay, a weekend break or longer.

We hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to stay at one of our fine hotels. And don't forget, if you're planning a holiday at a Christian Guild hotel in summer 2010, book now for the best availability.

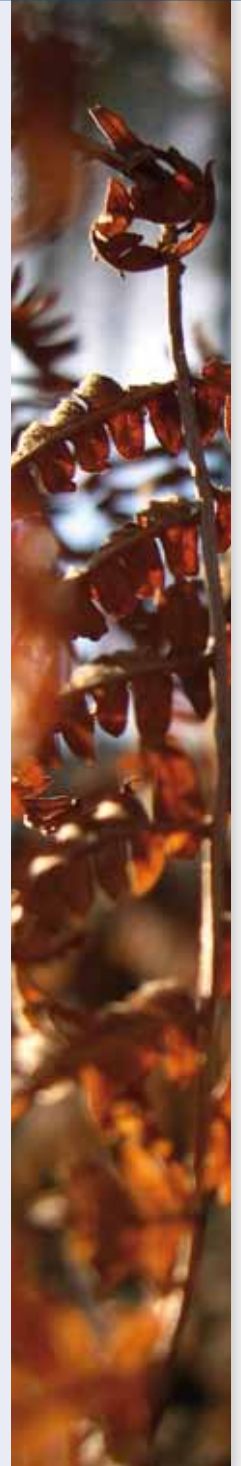
Booking your holiday or short break is now even easier, as we have introduced online booking at all of our hotels.

I trust you will enjoy reading this edition of Grapevine and we look forward to welcoming you to one of our hotels in the not too distant future and remember we're just a call, or click, away.

With all good wishes,

Kevin Mantle

Managing Director



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LOVE ALL AT ABBOT HALL



A COUPLE have the romantic surroundings of Abbot Hall to thank after they became wed recently – because they met while on holiday there.

Colin and Jane Stephens were both holidaying with their mums when the romance started in July 2007.

Jane said: *“I wasn’t looking to make friends or meet a future husband! We first caught each other’s eyes on the Monday and the following day we first spoke. “He said those romantic words, ‘do you mind me reading your chest?’ I was wearing an Irish Writers T-shirt!”*

By the Thursday the pair knew their relationship could become something more than

just friendship.

Abbot Hall ‘cupid’ Amanda then intervened when Jane’s mum had a fall and she offered to look after her to allow Jane to speak to Colin.

During the couple’s second week at the stunning South Lakes hotel, they spent more time together and their relationship blossomed.

Jane said: *“In April 2008 we got engaged. Colin gave me a 14-day cooling off period after the proposal was accepted!”*

But with love in the air, there was only one outcome – and Jane became a blushing bride on May 30 this year.

Jane added: *“Abbot Hall will always be a special place for us.”*

RUNNING TOTAL!

ABBOT Hall’s Amanda and Diane hit the streets of Cumbria when they took part in the Race for Life.

The 5km race helped boost the funds of Cancer Research UK, and the coffers were further increased with proceeds from the Abbot Hall Fun Day in July.

A total of £550 was raised for the cancer charity, and the pair would like to extend their thanks to all who supported the effort. They include Bay Search and Rescue, Grange Fire Service, Cartmel Adult Education, Circus Skills Workshop, Small Schools Initiative and Grange & District First Responders.



CHRISTMAS OFFER

CELEBRATE Christmas for less at Abbot Hall! Our Pre-Christmas Party break from **6 – 11 December**, with Christmas dinner and a party atmosphere, is now on special offer of **5 nights for the price of 4**.

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

RESPECTED musician Ken Rothery will be leading a week of music appreciation at Abbot Hall next year.

Ken has now retired from most of his musical activities so it is with great delight that Abbot Hall has been able secure a special Enjoying Music week with him.

Ken sung with Huddersfield Choral Society for 55 years and conducted the Holmfirth Choral Society for 28 years.

Enjoying Music – which runs from **February 28 – March 5** – will include a look at topics including Religious Music, Humour in Music and My Life of Music.

NEW APPOINTMENT

WILLERSLEY Castle Hotel has appointed a new Hotel Operation Manager.

Paul Woodward brings a wealth of experience to the hotel. He lives on the outskirts of Nottingham and is married with two young children.

FASCINATING COURSE

A FASCINATING Keshet course exploring the Jewish roots in Christianity was hosted at Willersley Castle recently, led by Robin & Sue Aldridge and Jane & Chris Moxon from the Church’s Ministry among Jewish People (CMJ).

CMJ will be leading two Keshet courses in 2010 – at Treloyhan Manor from **14 – 20 February** and at Willersley Castle from **13 – 19 June**.

CASTLE ROCKS!

GUESTS at Willersley Castle Hotel really rocked when Roger Jones and his team from CMM led a week of music and ministry.

Those staying at the stunning Derbyshire hotel joined Roger Jones and his team to perform his latest musical, ROCK.

For those who want to join the brilliant Roger again next year, he’ll be back at Willersley Castle on 14–21 August 2010. Book now to grab your space.

Roger will also be leading weeks at Moorlands, Abbot Hall and Sidholme in 2010. See the brochure for details.

IT’S A BOY!

WILLERSLEY Castle receptionist Sian Bacon has given birth to a baby boy, Ben. Ben weighed in at 8lb 2oz, and both mother and baby are doing well.

CRAFTY IDEAS

FOR those who love to learn new crafts, Willersley Castle Hotel has some great breaks available.

From **November 22 – 29**, there is a chance to learn new skills with Sue and Margaret during a Craft Break.

Meanwhile, on **December 4 – 6** there is a Banner Making and Calligraphy course with Jane Edwards and Gwilym Roberts.

Finally, Doreen and Jeanette will be hosting a Card Making Break from **January 17 – 22**. Book now to avoid disappointment.



DINNER DATES ARE PRICELESS...

YOU probably 'dinner' believe it! But Lindors is offering anyone who stays for five nights between **October 11 – 16** dinner for free.

It means the cost is an unbeatable £41.50 per person per night for dinner, bed and breakfast. Spaces are limited, so contact Lindors today to book.

...AND THERE'S SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH

FANCY a free lunch? Well, Lindors is offering just that for people who stay for a three-night break between **November 1 – 4** or **November 15 – 18**. Your stay includes traditional fellowship, suggested visits and as a little thank you, a free hot and cold buffet lunch. The break costs just £153 per person – great value for lunch, dinner bed and breakfast!



MAKING A STAND!

LINDORS picked up a prize for best-dressed stand in its category when the hotel took part in this summer's Monmouthshire Show.

Hundreds of people attended the show – the biggest one-day show in Wales – on August 27, which celebrates the best in rural activities, country living and farming.

The stand, which was manned by Jayne Wilks, Steve Williams and Kevin George, was well received and picked up third prize as the best-dressed stand in its category. To add to the success, the hotel has seen an increase in restaurant bookings.

Such was its success, Lindors is now planning a bigger and better stand for next year's show.

NAME GAME

LINDORS has a new name for its recently revamped dining room – it's called *Storves*.

Mrs. Terry suggested the name in a competition, and she has won a fabulous weekend stay for two, with dinner, bed and breakfast, at Lindors.

FESTIVE FARE

CHRISTMAS is only weeks away, and at Lindors, Head Chef Richard Burnham has been busy creating a tantalising menu for the festive season.

Lindors can cater for lunch, dinner parties and Christmas Day Lunch in its wonderful Pump Room. Contact reception for more details and to book.



SUMMER'S SIMPLY CHILD'S PLAY

CHILDREN took a step back in time and enjoyed being a part of a Victorian school during Lindors' successful summer activities.

As well as finding out what school was like in the late 19th century, children also learned Latin line dancing, enjoyed songs by the campfire and story time on the stairs!

Meanwhile, teenagers got the chance to walk up Sugar Loaf Mountain and take part in archery and caving.

The five weeks of family fun were a massive success, and next year's programme for youngsters is currently being developed.



MANAGER'S WAITING TO SEE YOU

MOORLANDS Hotel Manager Phillip Evans celebrates his first year in the job in December – and hopes to meet as many Christian Guild guests as possible.

He said: *"If you couldn't make it in 2009 (and you've still got time) then I'll be happy to see you in 2010 as you renew your acquaintance with the 'home from home' that Moorlands is all about."*

CATCH EVERY NOTE

MUSIC lovers will be able to enjoy a fabulous week with Roger Jones and Christian Music Ministries team. He will be at Moorlands Hotel from **February 7 – 12** and promises to offer a week of music and ministry.

TWITCHING AND WALKING

THE crisp weather in March is the perfect chance to take in some beautiful sights during Moorlands Hotel's Walking and Birdwatching Week. It takes place from **March 7 – 12** and is expected to be a fascinating week.

FOCUS ON THIS BREAK

MODERN photographic methods are the subject of an Art & Digital Camera break at Moorlands next summer. Whether you're a beginner, experienced or simply curious, don't miss the chance to learn more. The course takes place from **July 4 – 9**.

MANCHESTER COACH

Visit the pretty harbour town of Whitby and the North York Moors with a special coach trip and holiday at Moorlands Hotel. A coach will pick up holidaymakers from a variety of places around the Manchester area for the break, which takes place from **July 25 – 30**.

BID TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HISTORIC ORGAN

THE music room at Sidholme is reputed to be Devon's finest – and now the race is on to raise funds to carry out much-needed repairs on it.

The famous Polish musician Ignacy Jan Paderewski once played the beautifully carved pipe organ, which sits in a fine Gothic case.

All donations towards the organ renovation would be greatly welcomed, and for more details please contact the hotel.



LICENCES GRANTED

DINERS are able to enjoy a glass of wine with their meals at Treloyhan Manor Hotel and Sidholme Hotel, after alcohol licences were granted for the hotels in July and September respectively.

ADD US!

You can now keep up to date with all the news and offers from Sidholme and Treloyhan Manor on the website FaceBook, as both hotels have their own pages. Just search for us and add us as friends.



NEW 'MEMBER' FOR RED ARROWS!

SIDHOLME Hotel General Manager James Sharp became an extra 'member' of the Red Arrows Display Team recently.

Although his feet stayed firmly on the ground, James spent the day with the aerobatic team after winning a competition with the Exeter and Heart of Devon Hotels and Restaurants Association.

James met the crew at Exeter Airport – about ten minutes from Sidholme Hotel – and was taken to the aircraft on the runway. He then enjoyed his very own aerobatic display!

Afterwards, James got to meet the whole team and had lots (more than 600) of photographs taken of the day before the famous team had to leave for the Torquay Airshow.

But before leaving, he was treated to watching the Red Arrows take off from the side of the runway. *"It was brilliant. They are the only aircraft that are allowed to take off in threes, so it was a very interesting time,"* said James.

THANKS TO SUMMER STUDENTS

TRELOYHAN Hotel General Manager Kieran Lynch has passed on his thanks to all the summer students who worked at the hotel this year.

The summer weeks were a major success, with Sam Rowan organising pirates week, football and other activities.

A big thank you from all the Treloyhan team to Alistair Livesley, Helen York, Marybeth Aird, Matthew Bodily, Sam Rowan, Sarah Chatfield and Tim Padley.

And the team also pass on their congratulations to Sarah Chatfield, who gained her qualifications and has become a student at Oxford University.

CALLING MANSFIELD AND GAINSBOROUGH!

JOIN Edwin Tattersall's group from Mansfield from **22 – 29 November** as he transports you to the seaside haven of St Ives with its gulf stream climate - the South West's most popular resort.

Ensuite rooms £312 and non-ensuite rooms £270 per person, based on half board including return transport.

Or how about spending New Year in St Ives?

From **28th December – 3rd January**, relax on our coach trip from Gainsborough, picking up from the services along the M42 and M5 and on to the A30 all the way to St Ives.

Ensuite rooms £410 and non-ensuite £375 per person, full board and inclusive of return transport.

SIDHOLME'S AN AWARD-WINNER

SIDHOLME has picked up awards for its hard work in making the hotel look better and for helping local young people attain work experience.

The Devon hotel was awarded silver in the Sidmouth in Bloom competition for its wonderful floral displays.

Meanwhile, the staff were also honoured with an Investors in Work-Related and Enterprise Learning Certificate for their commitment to supporting work-related enterprise learning. They were given the accolade for working with local schools.



WALK THIS WAY!

PULL on those walking boots and enjoy a fantastic Walking Week around beautiful Sidmouth.

Sidholme Hotel is offering the special break from **November 22 – 27**, and there will be the chance to experience bracing and stunning walks.

Following the walks of about five miles, there's the chance to enjoy afternoon tea in front of the roaring log fire. Christian Guild Chairman Martin Ellis will be hosting the week.

THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

Treloyhan will be running Christmas party nights from **November – January 2010** throughout the festive period, with stunning menus, disco, extensive wine list and party novelties. Make your Christmas party this year go with a bang! All inclusive prices from £39.00 per person inc. VAT (also including mince pies!)