



CHRISTIAN GUILD Grapevine

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SPECIAL OFFER
£50 off!

Christian Guild holidays are already fantastic value, but here's an offer that will make your cash go even further.

Take a holiday with us before the end of March and you'll receive a voucher entitling you to **£50 OFF** your next holiday in 2010!

Minimum stay three nights. Terms and conditions apply.

ALL FOR CHARITY

Kind-hearted staff and guests at Christian Guild hotels have rallied around to help a host of charities.

Abbot Hall has continued its support of local **First Responders** – a volunteer organisation which offers local medical support in emergencies before paramedics attend. First Responders have trained several Abbot Hall members of staff to use a defibrillator, which is located at the end of the drive.

Abbot Hall is also helping Kevin Smith, the husband of a former staff member, raise £20,000 to help the people of the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo with the charity **Heal Africa**.

Treloyhan Manor helped raise more than £4,000 for three local charities through the Godrevy Choir collections, which took place throughout 2009.



Willersley Castle's social organiser Simon Chandler raised money by walking 100 miles from the Yorkshire border at the 'top' of Derbyshire to the Leicestershire border at the 'bottom'. Despite getting lost twice, Simon raised £1,500 from colleagues, guests and friends for **Cancer Research** and the **Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance**.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that Canon Ann Barwood has been appointed as Deputy Chair of the Board and Brian Roulston has been appointed as Company Secretary.

SHARE THE MOMENT

Opportunities are available to become Shareholders in the company. If you would like more details please contact Sarah Askew at Derwent House on 01629 580550

WELCOME

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome to the first edition of Grapevine in 2010.

As I write this, snow is all around and the temperature is well below zero! Despite the cold weather, the Derwent Valley and Derbyshire Dales are looking beautiful in the snow and frost, giving breath-taking views as I travel around.

Temperatures may have plunged, but you'll receive a warm welcome at our six hotels – and there are still lots of holidays available with a wide variety of activities for you to enjoy this winter and spring.

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.

Due to the positive feedback we have received from you, and in addition to the special offers throughout this edition of Grapevine, we have again extended our special 'booking offers' when booking your holiday or taking advantage of the early payment option, which gives you the opportunity to save yourself some money by paying in advance.

STILL better interest than the banks

Pay for your holiday in full at least five months in advance and save 5%. Applies to holidays commenced before 1 Dec 2010

Redundancy cover for your holiday

If you are made redundant after booking your holiday, Christian Guild will refund all monies paid, including deposits. (*Proof of redundancy required.*)

Winter warmers – Spring savings!

We are extending the popular Winter Warmer offer on selected weeks up to the end of March 2010. Please phone the hotels for details.

With all good wishes for 2010.

Kevin Mantle

Managing Director

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All offers in this publication are applicable to new bookings only and subject to availability. Full balances must be paid at the time of booking. Terms & conditions apply.



HAVING A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TIME

Children from Camborne Nursery visited Treloyhan Manor again this Christmas to make their own decorations for our tree and to enjoy homemade biscuits and milk.

Meanwhile, our guests who stayed over Christmas enjoyed great food, celebrations and merriment, including a tour of the spectacular harbour lights at Mousehole and Angarrack. They were able to take advantage of enjoying hot chocolate by a roaring log fire at Treloyhan while overlooking the bay as part of their festive break.

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SUCCESS ON A PLATE

Treloyhan Manor Hotel's sous chef, Marc Rothmann, served up a great achievement when he picked up his NVQ Level 2 in Catering and Hospitality. Congratulations Marc!

FREE-MENDOUS!

Here's an offer to please mum and dad. Children under the age of 15 can stay free from **14 – 19 February** as part of February half-term's Kids4Us family fun week.

There is a host of activities being planned in and around Treloyhan Manor's stunning setting in Cornwall for the break.

And during Easter Celebrations Weeks, between **27 March and 10 April**, children under the age of 15 eat for free. The only cost is the price of the room – what a fantastic offer!

SHAREHOLDERS WEEK

Enjoy a week of fellowship and sharing during this fun break from **24 April – 1 May**. You don't have to be shareholder to come along and enjoy this break. For more information contact Treloyhan Manor on 01736 796240

REVVED UP FOR GREAT WEEK

Explore the beautiful towns and villages of Cornwall and enjoy a clotted cream tea with Treloyhan Manor's Cars, Buses and Strolls Week.

Daily excursions that include some short walks are part of the special break, which takes place from **12 – 19 June**.

SUMMER FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Summer holidays may seem like a distant dream, but you'd better book quickly if you want you and your family to enjoy a fantastic break at Treloyhan.

Fun-packed activities lined up every day to suit everyone. But mum and dad can relax in Treloyhan Manor's beautiful grounds while the kids enjoy our brilliant programme.

The August Family Weeks have been arranged between **24 July and 31 August**.

NEW YEAR MYSTERY

Treloyhan Manor hosted a successful coach tour over the New Year, with pick-ups from Gainsborough to St Ives. Guests dressed up for the harbour celebrations and also enjoyed murder mystery games.

RESTAURANT RE-LAUNCHED

As the improvements at Treloyhan continue into 2010, the hotel's award-winning restaurant is to be renamed the *Atlantic View Restaurant*.

The menu is now under the watchful eye of Head Chef Nathan Stephens who has not only produced a mouth watering menu, but has complemented this with an extensive wine and drinks list to accommodate even the most discerning palate.

The restaurant, renowned for its magnificent sea and garden views, is one of the things that makes a visit to Treloyhan Manor worth the journey, as both guests and so many of the St Ives patrons who dine there regularly can attest.



EARLY SUMMER ESCAPE

Enjoy more for less and escape to the tranquil and picturesque resort of St Ives before Cornwall's very busy summer! **28 June – 3rd July (5 Nights Only)**. Half-board ensuite rooms for just £250pp, non-ensuite rooms for just £225pp.



SPECIAL OFFERS

The Lake District in late winter is stunning, with bracing weather and gorgeous scenery. Some would argue it's the best time to immerse yourself in this wonderful part of the UK – and there are fewer tourists too!

So why not take advantage of a wonderful offer from Abbot Hall Hotel? From **5 – 13 February**, you can stay for £40ppn and enjoy bed, a hearty breakfast AND a delicious dinner. With such a great deal, you'll feel warm inside.

If winter just isn't 'your thing', then the Spring-into-Spring offer might just be the answer. Stay at Abbot Hall for a fabulous three-night stay from **5 – 8 March** and enjoy full-board PLUS a complimentary excursion with Eric and Dorothy Brennard for just £150 per person!

Contact Abbot Hall on 015395 32896 to book.



NEW LOOK FOR LODGES

Abbot Hall can now offer an even more sumptuous stay for those who choose to holiday in one of the hotel's lodges.

The interiors of the lodges have undergone a major facelift and they now boast new furniture – including sofas and tub chairs – carpets, lampshades, curtains, bathroom fittings and kitchen utensils.

GRAB THE CHANCE TO STAY

With this winter's terrible weather, you're probably ready for a holiday. And at Abbot Hall there is last-minute availability, which means you can enjoy the scenery from the warmth of this beautiful hotel.

Anyone who'd like to escape the winter blues will be able to take advantage of availability from **5 – 12 February**. As well as a great stay, you could take the opportunity of enjoying the patchwork and quilting week from **8 February**, which is available at a small extra cost.

Abbot Hall is holding a Cross-Stitch and Half-Term Family Fun Week from **14 – 19 February**, while Ken Rothery will introduce you to a week of music appreciation from **28 February – 5 March**.

Martin and Jackie Wrench will help you appreciate the changing season with a Spring Walks Week from **21 – 26 March**, and for those interested in new skills, there's a Lace-making Week from **28 March – 1 April**.

All these dates will fill up quickly, so book now to avoid disappointment.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Abbot Hall is getting set to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Christian Guild Holidays.

The company started life at a large nearby property called Morehurst in Kents Bank.

Later, Christian Guild Holidays moved to Abbot Hall and the seeds were sown for the company to grow. We

now have six wonderful hotels around the country.

For more information about the celebrations taking place in July, look out for the next issue of Grapevine. Or contact Abbot Hall today on 01539 532896 for details about a special break to celebrate the milestone.



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ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Guests at Willersley Castle are on the right track thanks to hotel management who successfully lobbied for better train services. An improved timetable last year saw more trains introduced from Derby to Matlock, where Willersley is situated.

But rail operator East Midlands Trains decided that not all services would stop at Cromford Railway Station, the nearest to Willersley Castle. As a result, some guests were left with a walk of more than

a mile, as they had to alight at Matlock Bath Station.

However, after representation from Christian Guild, all trains now stop at Cromford, which is less than ten minutes' walk from the hotel. It means one train every hour leaves Derby city centre to Willersley Castle.

The recently revamped station at Cromford will be of interest to rail and architecture fans too as it is the only one in the World Heritage area to retain all its original buildings.

WILLERSLEY BABIES REUNION

A special break has been organised to reunite those who were born at Willersley Castle when it became a maternity hospital during World War Two.

The Salvation Army took over the castle between 1940 and 1946 after moving out of London because of air raids. More than 4,000 babies were born here as a result.

The break includes an excursion to see the county in which the children were born, gentle walks, a history talk and a display with old photos and stories from those who were there. It takes place from **7 – 10 March**.

WATER SUCCESS

Guests helped stage a fantastic performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera *The Gondoliers* at Willersley Castle.

More than 70 people were entertained by the production and £160 was raised for the charity Action for Children.

MAKE A SPLASH

Waterworld is the theme of this February's half-term break at Willersley Castle.

The fun-packed programme takes place from **14 – 19 February** and there are daytime and evening activities to enjoy. Expect to get wet...

HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

An interesting special break has been organised for those who enjoy historical facts.

Simon will be leading a history break with outings to fascinating sites from the Stone Age to the Industrial Age and beyond from **1 – 5 March**. Local historians will also provide entertaining talks each evening.

SPRING INTO ACTION

A tour of Chatsworth House is included in a programme of daytime and evening activities in a special Spring Break. This year, Chatsworth House has opened new areas to the public and has an exhibition celebrating the 90th birthday of Deborah Dowager, Duchess of Cavendish and the last surviving Mitford sister.

The break takes place from **21 – 26 March**, so book now to avoid disappointment.

EGGS-ITING TIME!

A family orientated break including an Easter egg

hunt, games, walks and a family entertainer has been arranged just before Easter. The break runs from **28 March – 1 April**.

EASTER HOUSE PARTY

Willersley Castle Hotel has organised another fantastic Easter House Party.

Activities include excursions to the delightful countryside of the Peak District and short strolls for those who like to enjoy the scenery close at hand. In the evenings we will entertain you with the usual fun and games, and there's also an evening of uplifting music.

Some accommodation is still available for this week of fun and fellowship, which takes place from **1 – 6 April**, so book soon by contacting the hotel on 01629 582270.

GUILDS IN SPRING

Wesley Guild Members from across the land join to celebrate the Guild Movement with talks, coach tours, music, fun and games at Willersley Castle from **18 – 23 April**.

KESHER COURSE

A course exploring the Jewish roots of the Christian faith is being held at Willersley Castle. The Keshar Course, led by the Church Ministries Among the Jewish People (CMJ), takes place from **13 – 19 June**.

EXTRA WINTER WARMER DATES AT LINDORS

We have extended our popular Winter Warmers offer into March with the following dates: **28 February – 5 March;** and **7 – 12 March.**

Offering an interesting programme of walks, talks, fun and games this is fantastic value for money with a massive £19.50 per person per night off the price of an ensuite room with dinner, bed and breakfast for these dates.

BOOK NOW FOR SUMMER

After shivering through winter, all thoughts turn to summer days. At Lindors, we've been organising exciting summer programmes as we're expecting a very busy season. Book now - don't delay!

WYE NOT TAKE A WALK?

Following the fantastic success of last year's Offa's Dyke longer walks week, we are pleased to offer an additional long walks week from **3 – 10 July.**

The week will be based around the Wye Valley Walk and will offer linear walks of 8 – 12 miles each day.

Led by Bruce Frost and hosted by Derek & Ann Rees, the walk gives an interesting visit to the Wye Valley. Along the way, the Lindors team will supply a tea and coffee stop on each walking day. On your return, there will be fun and games offered each evening.

And if that's not enough, we also have a fantastic special offer. Book for seven nights and you pay for only six!

SUMMER STROLLING

Take a wonderful stroll this summer with a fantastic walks being led by Graham and Margaret Bevan from **10 – 17 July.** This week offers both long and short walks around this beautiful area. Coach transport for some walks is organised and will incur an additional charge.



PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS

Sidholme Hotel boasts one of the country's finest carved pipe organs set in a stunning Rococo music room. But the 19th century organ – which was played by Polish composer and musician Paderewski – is in urgent need of repair. An expert repair firm says more than £14,500 worth of work is needed to completely overhaul this historical musical instrument, and fundraising has already started. Work will be carried out on every part of the organ, including the pedal board and blower. If you'd like to help donate to the restoration fund, then contact the hotel on 01395 515104 for more details.

IT'S SOW GOOD!

If you like to learn something new, then why not book our special interest craft break at Sidholme, which runs in the first week of February?

Each day there is a different activity for you to try, including metalwork or floral art. The break is scheduled to take place from **31 January – 5 February.**

Tim and Emma from Christian resources and craft firm Time to Sow will spend two days teaching a variety of crafts, while Jaqueline Parry from Symphony of Flowers will spend a day showing you how to produce a stunning floral display.

HALF-TERM FUN

Devon boasts some beautiful areas and also lots of attractions that children will love.

So Sidholme Hotel is the perfect place to spend half-term week (**13 – 21 February**) as there are many attractions open during the holiday.

Pennywell Farm – which has appeared on CBeebies – is a great place to visit for fun



and education. For the more adventurous, why not visit **Crealy Adventure Park?** And with amazing mazes, fun activities for the young and somewhere for the adults to enjoy a cream tea, the house and grounds of the **Escot** estate offers something for all the family.

HOP ONBOARD!

Leave the car behind and relax with a great coach trip to the beautiful Sidholme Hotel in Devon this year.

The hotel has organised four pick-up points along the M5 corridor for a week's stay from **26 September – 1 October.**

The coach will pick up at Birmingham Coach Station, Worcester, Cheltenham and Bristol Parkway for a week of fun and fellowship.

Prices start from £305 per person and a trip to Dartmoor is included, and other coach trips will be available at extra cost. For more details, contact us today on 01395 515104.

CONVENTION CELEBRATION

The annual Keswick in Devon Bible Convention celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

The event attracts hundreds of Christians from around the country every year.

Sidholme Hotel is just a five-minute walk from Sidmouth Methodist Church, the venue that hosts the convention, so is a perfect base for anyone who plans to attend.

Sidholme has also organised earlier meal times to coincide with the event, which takes place from **1 – 5 March.**

With such a large attendance expected, be sure to book as early as possible.

FREE WE GO!

Children can enjoy an Easter break at Sidholme Hotel for free! The special offer is for any child under the age of 15, and must share with a paying adult.

The offer is available from **28 March – 6 April.**

HALF-PRICE BREAKS

Take a two-night break over **10 & 11 February** or **10 & 11 March** at Sidholme, and you'll enjoy a fantastic time for half price. Contact the hotel on 01395 515104.

FELLOWSHIP WEEK WITH JEAN LONG

The popular fellowship week led by Jean Long from **10 – 17 July** will this year feature Rev. David King – Chair of the Bolton and Rochdale Methodist District – as the guest speaker.

RINGING CHANGES IN ROOMS

Lindors is proud to announce that telephones, high-speed internet access and televisions have now been installed in all bedrooms.

The move was primarily made with health and safety in mind, as there is no mobile phone network coverage at the hotel, but it was decided that as there was cable being installed around the building, a TV aerial cable would also be put in following requests from guests.

We have already had many positive comments and this adds to our commitment of continuous improvement in meeting guests' differing needs.



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Moorlands Hotel's Manager, Phillip Evans, celebrates his first year at the Whitby hotel in 2010. Here he sends a special message:

"Well, 2009 has come and gone and, for me, that's my first year here at Moorlands. Many thanks to everyone for their kindness and support: the company, staff and, of course, yourselves.

So to everyone reading this, I would like to wish you all a prosperous new year.

Some people think of 'prosper' in monetary terms, but it actually means to be fortunate to thrive/flourish or to cause to be successful, and that's what I wish for you all: to thrive in health and family and in faith and friendship.

Hope to see you in 2010!"

Best wishes from Phillip Evans and all the staff at Moorlands Hotel.

REVAMP OF WING

The oldest part of Lindors Country House Hotel is currently being given a new look. The Wing has been in need of sprucing up for a while, and the work will see redecoration of the corridors, Mork Room and the disabled and gents toilet.

Wallpapering of the corridors is already underway, and we will be installing a new gents toilet to keep the disabled facility available to the less mobile.

The Mork Room will be redecorated to offer a neat and modern-looking conference room to entice further conference trade. We anticipate that work will be completed by Easter, and we are sure our guests will appreciate the new look.



WE'RE ALL BATTY AT LINDORS!

A study has found that Lindors Country House Hotel houses more than 180 lesser horseshoe bats.

The Bat Conservation Trust recently made the discovery of this protected species roosting in the gables.

These plum-sized mammals feast on the gnats that hover over the ponds and have an incredible echo-location system in their nose. The lesser horseshoe is one of the smallest of the British bats and is found mainly in this part of the country.

We are still however trying to work out who should be billed for their bed and board!

WHAT AN OFFER!

Moorlands has a great offer that won't leave you cold! For just £30pppn, you can enjoy dinner, bed and breakfast from **January 3 to the end of February** with our Winter Warmer offer. Please note, however, that the offer does not include half-term or special interest weeks!

FREE FOR KIDS

February half-term gives you the chance to sit back and get ready for spring – and after this winter it can't come soon enough. So just think how much better you'll feel knowing that children under the age of 15 can stay at Moorlands for free! Book today, because space is limited.

ROLL OUT THE BANNER!

Help your church advertise its activities by learning how to make a banner at Moorlands.

There are still some vacancies for our Banner Making Week with Jane Edwards from **31 January – 5 February**.

ROGER JONES WEEK

Roger returns to Moorlands from **7 – 12 February**. The week is themed *'The Power of Praise & Worship'* and is aimed at those leading and being led. Topics include: worshippers in the Bible; leading and planning praise; the power of the Spirit; healing in worship; and much more. It will be a time to praise, learn, reflect and let God come.

WALK THIS WAY

Pull on those walking shoes and enjoy a walk around the stunning cliffs of Whitby while enjoying the sights and sounds during our Walking Week from **7 – 12 March**.

GET CRAFTY!

Kathryn Jones leads a week of Spring Crafts at Moorlands from **14 – 19 March**, where you can learn or hone your craft skills. It will be fun as well as informative, so book today.

MUSIC TO THE EARS

Local musicians will be available to entertain guests who join us for a special Music Week, taking place

from **21 – 26 March**. Book now to avoid disappointment.

EASTER BREAK

Easter is early this year, and Good Friday falls on **2 April**. At Moorlands, you can enjoy this most important time by joining a walk of witness around Whitby with local churches.

GOSPEL CONVENTION

Well-known Gospel singers visit Whitby every year for the Whitby Gospel Convention in May. Organised by Paul Wheater, this diverse and highly entertaining weekend – from **15 – 17 May** – is extremely popular. What better way of enjoying it than by staying with us at Moorlands?

JUST RELAX

Moorlands takes pride in the special interest breaks we organise, but sometimes you just want to put your feet up and enjoy a relaxing break.

If this is your preference, then don't worry, because Moorlands can provide the perfect place for relaxation or a base for exploring.

HOLIDAYS FURTHER AFIELD

Sometimes you feel the need to go a little further, which is why Christian Guild now offers holidays beyond our hotels. The holidays below will allow you to stretch your legs a little further while still enjoying the warmth and fellowship that makes a Christian Guild holiday unique.



The History & Vintage Railways of the Isle of Man

Five nights on half-board basis at the four star Hilton Hotel in Douglas. Throughout the week there will be excursions to sites of historical, sociological and archaeological interest around the island, including the Manx Electric Railway, the Laxey Wheel (known locally as 'Lady Isabella'), the Snaefell Mountain Railway and the old Manx capital of Castletown.

Departs 23 May 2010 - 6 days from £660



Black Forest Walking Holiday

Another opportunity to sample the breath-taking beauty of the Black Forest. Based at the Hotel Teuchelwald, high above the resort of Freudenstadt and with magnificent panoramic views, the week includes daily walks in the northern Black Forest led by local English-speaking walks leaders. Alongside the scenery there will be chances to sample some of the culture and history of this fascinating and spectacular area.

Departs 19 September 2010 - 8 days, £825



Fort William & the Scottish Highlands

Six nights on half-board basis at the three star Ben Nevis Hotel on the outskirts of Fort William. This week takes in many of the historic sites and spectacular scenic areas around Fort William including Loch Shiel and the Glenfinnan Monument; an ascent by gondola up the slopes of Aonach Mor; Eilean Donan Castle; the Isle of Skye; Glencoe; and Castle Urquhart on the shore of Loch Ness.

Departs 3 October 2010 - 7 days from £545



Oberammergau & the Austrian Tyrol

Coach – departs 18th June 2010
10 days from £1050

By Air – departs 7th August 2010
8 days from £1199

(Please note: there are now waiting lists for these holidays)



Israel / Palestine

There is potential for a Christian Guild holiday to the Holy Land in 2011 or 2012. If you would be interested in this holiday please let Sarah Askew know at Derwent House on 01629 580550.

For more information and a full itinerary, or to book your place on any of the above holidays please contact **Sarah Askew at Derwent House, Cromford, Matlock, DE4 5JG. Telephone 01629 580550.**

Details for each holiday can also be downloaded from our website at www.christianguild.co.uk/europe