



# CHRISTIAN GUILD Grapevine

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## MOORLANDS THANKSGIVING

AFTER 54 years, Moorlands Hotel in Whitby closed for business on March 12, 2010.

About 100 people attended a thanksgiving service on 26 March, which included current and past staff, hosts, shareholders and retired and current directors.

The Rev Jerry Cook led the service with contributions from former managers Val Smith, Linda Atkinson and John and Kath Key.

The sermon combined texts from the two readings: *“give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess 5:18)* and *“Set Barnabas and Saul apart for the work to which I have called them”. (Acts 13:2)*

In his sermon Jerry said, *“On the one hand we need to give thanks for all that Moorlands has meant to us. Secondly, although it is a sad occasion it is rather like Saul (Paul) and Barnabas leaving the church at Antioch, for their departure, a great blow to the church, was also the basis for the growth*

*and success of the early Church. As we move into Holy Week we recall the despair and grief of Good Friday and then the transformation into the triumph of resurrection. So it is also in the sadness of closure that we can find that God walks even more closely with us.”*

The Chair, Martin Ellis, and Deputy Chair, Canon Ann Barwood, led prayers, while Director, John Bell, and former Moorlands Director and Hosting Secretary, Doug Emms, read from Thessalonians 5:16-23 and Acts 13: 1-5.

After the service, a buffet lunch was provided, which was enjoyed by all. Over lunch many guests shared memories and recalled happy times while staying at Moorlands. It was a good and positive event as we bid farewell to Moorlands.

Thank you to all our guests, staff and hosts involved over many years for making those memories of Moorlands so special.

## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of Grapevine. As summer approaches and the warm weather seems to be with us more often, our thoughts turn to holidays – and I trust a Christian Guild holiday! I do hope that you all received our new and updated brochure, which now includes all our Interest and Activity Breaks up to the end of March 2011.

Just to remind you that all our special offers and early payment discounts are still available to you. Don't forget our 'price promise', and if you book a holiday by the end of September 2010, to be taken by the end of March 2011, you will only pay the 2010 brochure tariff.

I do hope that the volcanic ash cloud has not caught you out and your holiday cancelled. If this happens to you please be assured that we will do all we can to help you find an alternative holiday with us, as there is still availability at all of our hotels for June, July and August – although this may be limited on certain weeks.

Our holidays to the Isle of Man and Oberammergau are now all set to go and we look forward to welcoming all of our guests for these holidays. There is still availability on our holiday to Scotland, departing on 3 October 2010 and our Black Forest Walking Holiday departing on 19 September 2010. You will see in the flier sent with this Grapevine that we are planning more holidays abroad next year. Please register your interest with Sarah Askew at Derwent House for any of these holidays.

May I wish you all a peaceful summer and we look forward to welcoming you to one of our hotels soon.

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## WYE NOT TAKE A WALK?

Pick up a great deal this summer and enjoy walks around the Wye Valley.

The Wye Walking Week from **3 – 10 July** consists of longer walks and takes in stunning scenery from Chepstow to the Ross-on-Wye area. A coach will take walkers to various points so that the linear walks take in different, breathtaking scenery every day, and there will be a complimentary tea/coffee stop each day *en route*.

And with late availability, people who decide to join the week of walks, led by Bruce Frost and General Manager Kevin George, will enjoy seven nights for the price of six.

Be quick and book now to avoid disappointment.

*\* Travel costs are additional*

## LINDORS SEASIDE THEME WEEK OFFER

Come and join Lindors for a seaside themed holiday with hosts Paul and Tracey Smith.

A range of beach style activities in the grounds is on offer during the week, from **21 – 28 August**.

The Mulberry non-alcoholic cocktail bar will be serving refreshing drinks and ice creams. Our delicious summer menus will include a sizzling barbecue.

There will also be a full-day coach excursion to Weston-Super-Mare at no extra charge, so you can enjoy a British seaside holiday without the hassle of driving. Grab your bucket and spade!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- If you're visiting the Monmouthshire Show on **26 August**, we look forward to seeing you at the Christian Guild stand.
- Lindors will again support the St Briavels Open Gardens event, which takes place on **11 July**. For more information contact Lindors on 01594 530283.

# INVESTMENT IN THE HOTELS



**SIGNIFICANT** investment in Christian Guild's hotels is now under way. We want to improve our hotels to ensure we offer the modern services demanded by customers, while continuing to provide excellent value for money.

A bedroom upgrade programme has already been completed at Treloyhan Manor Hotel. This includes the addition of ten new ensuite bedrooms, which were added during an eight-week programme. The hotel now boasts 29 ensuite rooms, 14 of which have full sea views.

Schemes for all our hotels are currently being prepared with work continuing through 2010 and 2011.

## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SUN LOUNGE

**GUESTS** at Lindors can sit back, relax and enjoy the sunshine in the hotel's new-look sun lounge.

As well as being given a fresh lick of paint, the lounge has comfy, new chairs and blinds.

Meanwhile, the new gents toilet on the wing has been completed, which has allowed Lindors to redecorate the disabled facility and a much-needed cloakroom and baby changing area.

To complete the renovation work on the wing, a new bootroom will be added in the near future.



## SHARE THE MOMENT

Opportunities are available to become Shareholders in the company. If you would like more details please contact Company Secretary Mr. Brian Roulston at Derwent House on 01629 580550.

## HOP ON BOARD FOR A GREAT HOLIDAY IN CORNWALL

Leave the car behind and hop on a coach to enjoy the beautiful Cornish countryside with a special break at Treloyhan.

The coach holiday, from **11 – 18 September**, will be picking up at several points in the south west on the way to the hotel, and includes return coach travel, dinner, bed and breakfast, an excursion to The Eden Project, plus an extra optional trip.

Pick up points are Bristol, Clevedon, Taunton, Exeter M5 Services, Dawlish, Teignmouth, and Newton Abbot.



## HALF-PRICE SUMMER DEALS AT TRELOYHAN

Sit back and enjoy the summer sunshine in the knowledge that you've picked up a fantastic deal for your holiday at Treloyhan Manor.

The hotel is offering two weeks of great deals that will be easy on your pocket.

From **17 – 24 July** non en-suite rooms are **HALF PRICE**, while en-suite rooms have been reduced by ten per cent.

And from **24 – 31 July**, all non en-suite rooms are **HALF PRICE!**

Be quick to book your room before they've all gone.



## LICENCE FOR RESTAURANT

WILLERSLEY'S restaurant will offer a selection of wines and beverages from June for guests to order with their meals.



## LISTEN TO THIS...

AUDIO tours of the beautiful grounds of Lindors will be available from reception from June, highlighting the history and flora of the estate with the assistance of local tree expert Pete Ralph. The tour consists of two short walks around our stunning 19th century country house and its grounds.

## A BEAUTY-FUL PARTNERSHIP!

ANYONE who feels the need for pampering should head to Lindors Country House Hotel. After a successful Pamper Week recently, management have agreed to host beauty and pamper treatments twice a week with Healthcare Therapy Partners.

The pamper days are the perfect solution to those who need relaxation – especially as Lindors boasts such a calm and tranquil nature.

For more information contact Lindors on 01594 530283.

## REUNION EVENT SUCCESS

WILLERSLEY Castle Hotel became the focus of media attention when it ran a three-day reunion for people who were born there in World War 2. The event was a great success, with the entire castle filled with World War 2 babies and partners.

The Castle became a maternity hospital at the height of the war, with expectant mums being evacuated there from Blitz-hit South East London exactly 70 years ago.

The week had been organised as a last-minute holiday, and turned out to be a great success with people travelling from across the country to attend. BBC news programme East Midlands Today featured the reunion and interviewed General Manager Tim Rogers on the show. There was also coverage on local radio, newspapers and in the national press.

It was such a success that the event will run again next year from **10 – 15 April**.

## HIVE OF ACTIVITY

LINDORS now has 40,000 new guests! But there's plenty of room for you, because the new visitors are bees. The decision to install a beehive was made after a swarm was found in one of the hotel's chimneys last year.

The bees, numbering between 35 – 40 thousand, have settled in and are generating honey which will be sold exclusively in the shop at Lindors.

Local beekeeper Andrew Phillips is checking the hive every week with General Manager Kevin George. Guests can see live inside the hive when work is carried out, as there is now a 'hivecam' camera link to the hotel.



## FORMER MANAGERESS PASSES AWAY

FORMER Christian Guild manageress Ruby 'Barrie' Barrett has passed away at the age of 101. Ruby served at Sidholme in 1939 – 1940 and returned as Assistant Manageress from 1945 – 1946. She then became Manageress at Mount Argus and Lindors before her retirement in 1962. Ruby was invited back to Lindors in 2003 for a special celebration of its 50 anniversary.

Ruby was regarded as a surrogate aunt to many younger members of staff and their families. She died on 31 December 2009 at The Grange Care Home in Tewkesbury.

## TRUST US FOR A GREAT WEEK!

History lovers will be able to enjoy a fantastic interest break at Willersley Castle this summer.

The hotel has organised a National Trust Week, where guests will visit a number of NT properties including Lyme Park – famous for its part in BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* when Colin Firth emerged from its lake – and Calke Abbey, a house frozen in time.

The week takes place from **10 – 17 July**. Be quick to book to avoid disappointment.

## FAMILY FUN SAVING

Willersley Castle has a great saving on offer for our brilliant Family Fun Week, **21 – 28 August**. We're offering ten per cent off all single room bookings. Contact us today to grab a great bargain.

## THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH

Relaxing walks in late summer are a great way to see fantastic scenery during those hazy days.

Willersley Castle has arranged a series of fantastic late summer walks from **28 August – 3 September**.

And to make your week even more enjoyable, we're offering free packed lunches for all walkers.

## BE QUICK FOR MUSIC WEEK

Music lovers had better be quick, because Willersley Castle's Roger Jones Week is filling up fast.

The Christian Guild favourite will be at the castle from **14 – 21 August**, and as Grapevine went to press there was only limited availability – including just one family ensuite.

Contact Willersley Castle today on 01629 582270 to make sure you don't miss out.



from Christian Music Ministries:

## This is the place...

An instrumental album of favourite songs by Roger Jones

Played on the viola by Annie Routley, Roger's arranger and orchestrator for the last 15 years, and featuring many other instrumentalists including Christian Guild Managing Director Kevin Mantle.

Tracks include *Man of Sorrows*, *The Look of Love*, *Knowing You* and *In My Dreams*. There is also a new arrangement by Annie for string octet of *When I See the Blood I Will Pass Over You* from the musical *From Pharaoh to Freedom* – the musical featured in two of our Christian Guild Music Weeks this year – **Abbot Hall (29 May – 5 June)** and **Willersley Castle (14 – 21 August)**. Roger and the CMM team will also be at **Sidholme Hotel (4 – 10 September)** leading *'Jairus' Daughter'*.

The new album, price £12.99, is available online from [www.cmm.org.uk](http://www.cmm.org.uk) or by phoning Christian Music Ministries on **0121 783 3291**



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# ABBOT HALL SWIMMING TEACHER AWARDED MBE

JEAN MALKIN who teaches swimming for the Abbot Hall swimming club has been awarded an MBE. Jean was given the accolade for her services to children and young people in the Cartmel peninsula. Mrs Malkin has always enjoyed working with children and has been a special needs carer in local schools, Brownie pack leader for 20 years and is involved in a Christian-based youth club and Grange Youth Theatre producing pantos and summer promenade productions.

She said: *"It gives me immense pleasure to see timid young children dip their toes in the lovely warm water at Abbot Hall pool and then progress to water confidence, enjoyment and swimming. We pray for God's continued blessing as we share our time with many children."*



## HALF-PRICE DEAL

Here's a last-minute deal that will appeal to your pocket!

Guests can stay in non en-suite rooms in Sidholme's Annexe for half price. But be quick, as the special deal runs from **4 – 29 July**.

## HAVE A WILDE TIME!

The Sidholme grounds will be turned into an open-air theatre during a special week this summer. Theatre Appreciation Week takes place on **8 – 10 July** and the Idle Theme Theatre Co. will perform Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*.

Tickets are available at £10 each to guests and the public, but are limited in numbers, so book soon to avoid disappointment.



## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS

People who like to add a splash of colour to their lives can brush up on their skills or simply learn to paint with watercolour workshops next year. Sidholme Hotel will host Sarah Bell's Watercolour Workshop on **22 – 27 May 2011**.

There is something for everyone, and absolute beginners right up to experienced painters are encouraged to take part.

## CAR PARK BOON

ABBOT HALL Hotel now boasts more car parking after an old garage in the grounds was demolished.

The building was originally a fire station during World War Two and 12 years ago Bay Search and Rescue used the building to house the first hovercraft and Hagland rescue vehicles. They were used to help search for Chinese cocklers who lost their lives in 2004.

When the rescue centre moved to a purpose-built station, the building became surplus to requirements and the decision was made to demolish it in April. As a result, there is more parking and stunning views across the garden and beyond.



## DATE SWAP

TWO Sidholme Hotel interest breaks have swapped places from their dates printed in the new Christian Guild Holidays and Short Breaks brochure.

The Embroidery Week shown in February will now be held from **23 – 28 January**. The Birdwatching Week that was listed in January will now take place from **13 – 18 February**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## ORGAN FUND STRIKES A CHORD

AN appeal for funds to repair and refurbish one of the UK's finest pipe organs has started collecting cash.

Sidholme Hotel boasts the beautiful carved organ in its stunning Rococo music room. It has been played by a host of musicians over its 200 years, including Polish composer Paderewski.



To date, the fund has raised £1,411, but an expert repair firm says about £17,000 is needed.

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.

## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy great fellowship and beautiful Lake District scenery during Abbot Hall's Summer Fellowship Break. The week-long break, from **26 June – 3 July** also includes a full-day coach trip.

## CELEBRATE CENTENARY WITH A REUNION

Meet some old friends and bump into familiar faces when Abbot Hall hosts a Reunion Week to celebrate the company's centenary.

The week runs from **3 – 10 July** and accommodation is still available. But be quick to book your place because we're offering a free one-night stay – stay for seven nights but pay for only six. Give yourself a treat and renew past friendships.

## ALL ROADS 'LEEDS' TO ABBOT HALL!

People who live in the Leeds area have a perfect holiday opportunity in late summer/early autumn. Abbot Hall has arranged a special coach holiday from the area, so you can leave your car at home.

Special prices are available during the four-night break from **13 – 17 September**, so call the hotel now to book a fantastic holiday.

## SCHOOL'S OUT...

...and here's some great hols!

From **17 – 24 July** we have a fabulous Scottish and Irish Family Week, with football, canoeing and much more to keep your younger family members entertained.

If your children enjoy games, they'll love Games Galore Week from **27 – 31 July**. You can't beat a bit of It's a Knockout!

Treasure hunts, outings and a barbecue are lined up during Family Fun Week from **7 – 14 August**.

And if you can't wait for 2012, why not take part in the Abbot Hall Olympics from **14 – 21 August**.