



# Christian Guild

NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 2019

## Welcome!

It is a delight to welcome you to this latest edition of the Christian Guild Newsletter. I am sure you will agree that there is something for everybody in its columns. A particular welcome to our new colleagues at Hothorpe Venues (*see below right*).

And in welcoming the new, we must also say goodbye to two long-serving members of staff – June Barwick, after 40 years of looking after guests in the Willersley Castle Dining Room, and Kevin Mantle, after 18 years of looking after us all!

I hope to see many of you around our various venues in 2019.

**John Moffoot**, *Chair*

## Our Plastics Pledge

As a Christian organisation, we take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, which is why all three Christian Guild hotels and our new sister site, Hothorpe Venues, are aiming to remove single use plastics from our operations by 2020.

We are currently in discussions with our suppliers to review everything from hospitality trays in bedrooms to the sandwich wrappers in our picnics.



## Stay in the Know and Win!

The best way to stay up to date with all our news, breaks and offers is by joining our email marketing list, and **all new sign-ups between now and 31st January 2019 will be entered into a prize draw to win a FREE 2-night B&B break at one of our hotels!**

Sign up today at [www.christianguild.co.uk/signup](http://www.christianguild.co.uk/signup)

## Kevin Mantle

After almost 18 years in the role of Managing Director, and having recently completed the restructure of the Christian Guild Hotels, including the acquisition which brings Hothorpe Venues into the Methodist Guild Holidays Group, Kevin has decided that now is the time to step down and retire.

Kevin says, *"It has been a real privilege to work for Methodist Guild Holidays for so many years and being fortunate enough to have so many talented people working with me, as directors, management, staff, shareholders and hosts. I can only thank each and every one of you for the support and encouragement you have given me over the years."*

*I believe Methodist Guild Holidays is now in a much stronger position to maximise its potential and is ready for the next stage in its development. I wish everyone involved every success and blessing in this, the next stage in the Methodist Guild Holidays story as it continues in its second 100 years."*

## Christian Guild contact details

- **Head Office**..... 01629 826531
- **Sidholme Hotel** ..... 01395 515104
- **Trelohan Manor Hotel** ..... 01736 796240
- **Willersley Castle Hotel** ..... 01629 582270

[WWW.CHRISTIANGUILD.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHRISTIANGUILD.CO.UK)



*Prices are per person unless otherwise stated. Offers are applicable to new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be used in conjunction with any other offer. Terms & conditions apply.*



Conferences | Large Group Breaks | Weddings | Functions

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[www.hothorpe.co.uk](http://www.hothorpe.co.uk)

# Special *Stay as you Please* rates

## *Stay as you Please*

SPECIAL RATES FOR  
EARLY 2019

Join us as a *Stay as you Please* guest at these great value rates.

• JANUARY £49 • FEBRUARY £55 • MARCH £55

*Prices are per person per night. Minimum stay 2 nights.*

*Terms & conditions apply. Subject to availability.*

Each of our hotels is located in a beautiful part of England, surrounded by idyllic scenery and a host of fascinating attractions, and our popular *Stay as you Please* option gives you the flexibility to do whatever you want, but with the benefit of having knowledgeable staff on hand to help you plan your stay. Chat with our friendly staff to come up with a jam-packed programme, or just take a break to relax with a good book — you can do as you please with *Stay as you Please*.

*Call the hotel of your choice to book your next Stay as you Please holiday!*

## Great value springtime *Family Breaks*

You'll find fabulous grounds and fantastic activities to keep the whole family happy at our hotels this spring.

And when you step outside the hotel you'll find beautiful countryside and a wealth of local attractions: Alpaca Trekking and the Beer Quarry Caves near Sidholme; historic Tin Mines and outstanding beaches near Treloyhan Manor; and a wealth of industrial heritage and stately homes near Willersley Castle. So book your springtime Family Break today, and get ready for a memorable holiday!

*Package prices include: Half board accommodation; games; activities; and evening entertainment. All prices are per person.*

### FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

**\*\*\*Under 10s stay for FREE!\*\*\***

**11 – 15 February 4 nights:**

*Sidholme Hotel: £260*

**16 – 23 February 5/7 nights:**

*Treloyhan Manor Hotel: £245/£315*

**17 – 22 February 5 nights:**

*Sidholme Hotel: £295*

*Willersley Castle Hotel: £365*

### PRE-EASTER FAMILY BREAKS

**7 – 13 April 6 nights:**

*Treloyhan Manor Hotel: £390*

**14 – 19 April 5 nights:**

*Sidholme Hotel: £335*

*Willersley Castle Hotel: £360*

## Children's Discounts

0-4 years:	<b>Free!</b>
5-10 years:	<b>75% off</b>
11-15 years:	<b>50% off</b>
16 & 17 years:	<b>25% off</b>
18-21 years*:	<b>25% off</b>

*\* in full-time education and holiday to be taken with parents*

*One child per adult. For rates for additional children please contact the hotels. The general rule is that children share with accompanying adults. However, it may be possible to allocate separate rooms for older children, subject to availability.*



# Around the hotels...

## Saddle Up for Spring!

Located on the doorstep of some of the finest cycling routes in Derbyshire and the Peak District, Willersley Castle hotel are pleased to announce a new bike storage and repair area will be open this spring, ideal for individuals, clubs, tours, corporate groups or teams.

With the support of a local work experience member, the Willersley team have fully developed the old stables garage into the perfect destination to start and end your daily ride. So if you fancy the challenge of tackling some of the surrounding hills, or just the easily accessible public cycle routes, make sure you call Willersley Castle to be one of the first to experience this exciting development.

We are also now contacting a range of local cycling companies to enable you to hire the bikes and equipment, and save you having to bring your own.



## Willersley Wifi

Annie Allaway, Operations Manager at Willersley Castle hotel, is pleased to announce the installation of a lease line for super-fast wifi internet connectivity, meaning that all of the ground floor public areas, meeting and conference rooms within Willersley Castle will benefit.

It is planned that this will be extended over the whole site by summer 2019.



## Sidholme Gardens

We are delighted to announce the Friends of Sidholme Gardens, under the chairpersonship of Aileen Hyman, have commenced work restoring the splendour of our grounds to their Victorian glory. In conjunction with Sidmouth Arboretum we also now have QR labels on our special trees around the gardens.

The QR code is like a super barcode that can be scanned with a smartphone to visit the Arboretum website page for information about each individual tree, with further links to information about its species from organisations such as the Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission and Royal Horticultural Society.

We are extremely grateful to our friends at the Sidmouth Arboretum for including Sidholme in their tree labelling project.

25% off  
for  
Grandparents

## Multi-Generation Family Holidays

A GREAT OFFER TO HELP YOU ENJOY  
QUALITY FAMILY TIME TOGETHER.

Grandparents receive a **25% discount** on the price of their holiday when at least one paying adult and one child share a family room.

*Available on selected dates between  
24th February and 5th April 2019.*

*Other dates may also be available —  
call the hotels to check availability.*



## Chandelier Update

In November, two more of Sidholme hotel's chandeliers were taken down for complete restoration, which we hope David Wilkinson will have done by spring of 2019. That will make it 3 done, and 4 to go! We are extremely grateful to John McGregor, the Friends of Sidholme Music Room, our guests, and all the musicians who perform in the Music Room to raise money for these glittering restorations.

### Add your own sparkle to Sidholme!

**The Friends of the Music Room invite you to sponsor component parts in the restoration**, maybe to celebrate a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. Prisms, tulip nozzles, scalloped dishes, rosettes, spikes and lamps are all needed, and prices range from £30 to £450.

More information can be found on the Friends website, or you can phone 01395 515104 or email [friendsofsidholmehotel@sidholme.co.uk](mailto:friendsofsidholmehotel@sidholme.co.uk) to be put in touch with a 'Friend'. Next time you visit, make sure you see the fully-restored main chandelier. It won't disappoint!



## Musical Weekends

Please visit the website of the Friends of the Sidholme Music Room via [www.christianguild.co.uk/fosmr](http://www.christianguild.co.uk/fosmr) for a complete list of musical events lined up for 2019.

**We'd be delighted to welcome you to Sidholme for any of the weekends, including half-board Saturday and Sunday night and the concert on Sunday afternoon. Just call the hotel on 01395 515104 for prices and to make your booking.**

We are very excited to announce we have tied in with renowned clarinet player, Pete Allen, who tours the UK and Europe with his band presenting his own jazz programme. For all you jazz enthusiasts, please check his website at [peteallenjazz.com](http://peteallenjazz.com) for his performance dates at Sidholme in 2019. We welcome you to book your room with a ticket included for his Sunday afternoon show, to make it the perfect seaside jazz weekend.



## Staff Profile:

### Alison Baxter

*Operations Manager at Treloyhan Manor Hotel*

**Other than St. Ives, my favourite place to go on holiday is:**

The French Alps, especially Tignes. I love to ski, and the scenery is stunning.

**On my days off:**

I love to spend time with my family and to walk my 3 dogs along the beautiful South West Coast path. My favourite time of year to walk is during the winter months when the seas are dramatic and the skies are clear.

**My favourite part of Treloyhan Manor hotel is:**

The relaxing lounge; it always feels welcoming and calm.

**My favourite Christian Guild hotel or feature of a hotel is:**

The Music Room in Sidholme; the space is fantastic and the chandelier is spectacular.

**If I was a crayon...**

I would be red

**My life's current chapter would be titled:**  
'Happy!'

**An unknown fact about me:**

I worked as a phlebotomist for the NHS.

**My hidden talent is:**

I can play the flute (this was a long time ago, so hopefully no one will ask me to demonstrate!)

**I love my job because:**

I love meeting new people. It makes me happy when I know that as a team we have done our best to make everybody's holiday special.

**My current aim is:**

To help bring the exciting changes to Treloyhan that will be happening over the next couple of years and put this hidden gem well and truly on the map.

EARLY  
PAYMENT  
DISCOUNTS

4%

OFF THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

*when you pay in full at least 6 months  
before your stay at one of our hotels*

## Willersley Themed Nights

WILLERSLEY CASTLE HOTEL

Great food, great entertainment, and a great night's sleep await you on one of our fabulous Willersley Themed Nights. Sunday night starts with a delicious themed dinner, followed by an evening of entertainment in keeping with the theme. A good night's rest is followed by a hearty breakfast in the morning – *all for just £55 per person!*

**20th JANUARY:** *Best of British*

**10th MARCH:** *1960's Night*

**7th APRIL:** *Spanish Night*

*To book your place at any of these nights, please contact Willersley Castle Hotel on 01629 582270.*

## Spring Walking

WILLERSLEY CASTLE HOTEL

24th – 29th March (5 nights)

The Peak District National Park is one of the UK's most popular walking destinations, so brush off the cobwebs, search out the walking poles and join us as we explore the Derbyshire countryside at its best.

**Package Price: £440**

*Includes: Half board; knowledgeable walks guides; moderate walks including transport & packed lunches on walking days; evening speaker & entertainment.*



## Birdwatching in East Devon

SIDHOLME HOTEL

19th – 24th May (5 nights)

*Also running 24th – 29th November*

**Leader: Andrew Mann**

Come and explore East Devon's stunning estuaries and wetlands, heaths and woodlands and discover the amazing birdlife that calls this beautiful county home. Spring heralds the breeding season for both resident and migrant birds. Our guide will help you identify some species that maybe you have overlooked at this exciting time of year. There might even be a rarity or two to spot!

**Package Price: £425 (November £345)**

*Includes: Half board; knowledgeable guide; transport to sites; packed lunches.*

**About Andrew Mann:**

*Andrew led birdsong walks for guests during his three years on Community at Lee Abbey in North Devon. A keen ornithologist since childhood, he currently leads wildlife walks in Oxfordshire. Andrew is also editor of 'The Birds of Lee Abbey' book and a member of the Oxford Ornithological Society.*

## English Country Dancing

SIDHOLME HOTEL

17th – 22nd March (5 nights)

**Leader: Graham Smith**

Enjoy a week of varied styles of Country Dance in Sidholme's splendid Music Room. Each morning we'll dip into different dance fashions using workshop techniques which will include practising basic steps and figures, moving quickly on to dance some Playford era, then Contras & Squares, not forgetting our very own English Country Dances. Each evening will have a social atmosphere re-running some of those workshop dances in a more convivial atmosphere, and afternoons will be free to choose from organised local walks or visits or just to do as you please. So bring your walking shoes to visit beautiful Devon; bring your dancing shoes and we'll have a ball!

**Package Price: £380**

*Includes: Half board; expert tuition; refreshments; evening dancing.*

## Leisure Break

TRELOYHAN MANOR HOTEL

25th March – 1st April (7 nights)

Our Leisure Breaks leave you free to relax, unwind and explore at your own pace, but with the help of our hosts you can also join other guests and take advantage of the popular day trips to visit local places of interest. The optional strolls, coach trips and visits suggested throughout the week will take advantage of events occurring in the local area. There will also be a programme of evening activities.

**Package Price: £399**

*Includes: Half board; evening entertainment.*



## Summer Strolls

TRELOYHAN MANOR HOTEL

25th May – 1st June (7 nights)

**Leader: Gordon Dine**

Join us for four coach excursions throughout the week with optional short walks and plenty of time to relax. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a cornish cream tea in the spring sunshine!

**Package Price: £595**

*Includes: Half board; coach rides with optional short walks.*

# Oberammergau 2020

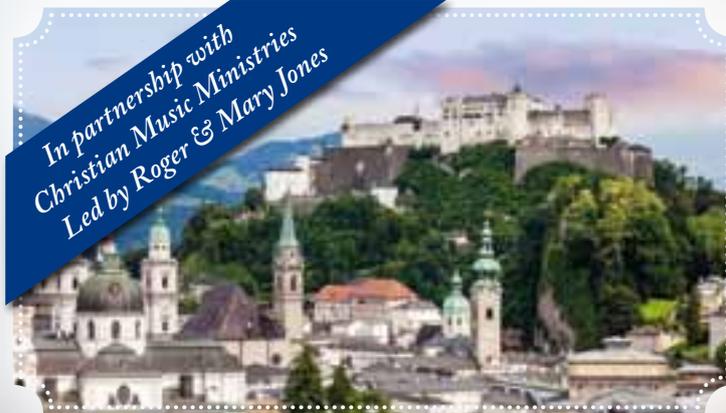
## Austrian TYROL



**6 - 12 September: 7 DAYS FROM £1459/£1509**

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket (*Category 1 upgrade - £29*)
  - 1 night half-board in Oberammergau
- Salzburg • Kitzbuhel • Hahennkamm Mountain • Pertisau
- Tratzbery Castle • Lake Achensee • Innsbruck • Rattenberg
- **Return flights from London/Manchester**

## Mozart's Salzburg & THE AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT



*In partnership with  
Christian Music Ministries  
Led by Roger & Mary Jones*

**13 - 19 September: 7 DAYS FROM £1529**

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket (*Category 1 upgrade - £29*)
  - 1 night half-board in Oberammergau • Hallstatt
- Salzburg & Mozart dinner concert • Kaiservilla at Bad Ischl
- St Gligen & Lake Wolfgangsee cruise • Hallein Salt Mines
- **Return flights from Birmingham**

## Bavarian CASTLES & LAKES



**16 - 20 July 2020**

**5 DAYS FROM £1199**

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket (*Category 1 upgrade - £29*)
- 3-course dinner in Oberammergau
  - Herrsching am Ammersee
    - Andechs Abbey
    - Neuschwanstein Castle
  - Linderhof Palace • Munich
- **Return flights from London**

## Austrian LAKE DISTRICT



**16 - 22 August 2020**

**7 DAYS FROM £1459**

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket (*Category 1 upgrade - £29*)
- 1 night half-board in Oberammergau
  - Salzburg & Prien
  - Hallein Salt Mines • St Wolfgang
  - St Gligen & Lake Wolfgangsee cruise
  - Kaiservilla at Bad Ischl • Hallstatt
- **Return flights from London**

## Bespoke Tours

Alternatively, if your group of 25 or more would like to travel together, we can tailor-make your Passion Play tour to your exact requirements. Tours can be tailored to include beautiful areas of Germany, Austria or Italy.

We'll give you one free place for every 15 paying, provide you with free colour marketing to help you promote the tour to your members and handle all invoicing and payments for your members.

*Just tell us what would make the perfect Oberammergau Passion Play holiday for your group and we'll do it!*



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK ON ANY OF THESE TOURS  
EMAIL [sarah@christianguild.co.uk](mailto:sarah@christianguild.co.uk) OR CALL OUR HEAD OFFICE ON **01629 826531**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS VERY LIMITED SINGLE AVAILABILITY ON THE OBERAMMERGAU TOURS