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THE LANGDALE OWNERS' NEWSLETTER

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# Langdale to be Twinned with Four Seasons Fairways in Portugal

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you of our plans to twin Langdale with Four Seasons Fairways in Portugal. The development is owned by McInerney Properties plc and situated on Quinta do Lago, the Algarve, Portugal. The official twinning ceremony is to take place in September when Ian Russell-Jarvie, General Manager of Four Seasons Fairways, will present Langdale with an engraved Atlantis crystal key and receive a suitable gift from Langdale in exchange, to commemorate the twinning event.

The twinning of the two resorts is an initiative aimed at facilitating social exchange between respective owners and I am confident that Langdale owners will benefit from this connection in several different ways.

#### The best of Portugal...

Four Seasons Fairways has been selected from a short list of prestigious developments which we felt would be able to match the quality and facilities that Langdale has to offer. Located on the magnificent estate of Quinta do Lago, you can feel the quiet sophistication that confirms Quinta do Lago as Southern Europe's most exclusive resort. Within the estate lies Four Seasons carefully Fairways, a private planned and development of just over 100 exceptionally luxurious hillside and cluster villas. A leaflet describing the resort is attached for your information along with an Exchange Application Form.

# ...meets the best of England

Reciprocal visits have been made between the two developments in order to establish that both the quality and the standard of service would be suitable for our respective owners.

Four Seasons Fairways comes with our personal recommendation.

# How do I benefit as a Langdale owner?

#### **GUARANTEED QUALITY.**

Although Langdale owners who wish to exchange will continue to have the opportunity of using the RCI exchange system, many owners have mentioned that the quality of the exchanged resort has not always matched Langdale.

Our primary concern is to be able to offer Langdale owners a holiday alternative of comparable quality. At Four Seasons Fairways you can certainly expect luxurious accommodation, extensive facilities, excellent service and a warm welcome



The Four Season Fairways hillside and cluster villas are a visual delight - each with their own private pool or outdoor spa-tub.

#### RENT OR EXCHANGE.

For owners wishing to spend a holiday at Four Seasons Fairways you can either exchange a Langdale week for a Four Seasons Fairways week or rent a villa with a generous discount offer to Langdale owners. Both options are subject to availability and the agreement of owners to exchange at a mutually acceptable time.

#### WHAT WILL IT COST?

A charge of £30 including VAT will be made for each exchange to cover administrative costs, but is only payable on confirmation of an exchange. Rentals will be at the discounted rate.

#### **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.**

We expect the twinning to act as a catalyst for various social functions between groups of owners from the two resorts. We obviously have a number of ideas but of course welcome suggestions from you.

#### How can I find out more?

Please ring Sharyn Roberts on 09667 302 if you would like to take advantage of this exchange opportunity or if you would like to rent a villa at Four Seasons Fairways. We can also help you with travel arrangements through Carrington Travel, part of the Scottish & Newcastle Group.

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# Notice Board



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DMMENTS FROM THE OWNERS' CLUB COMMITTEE

#### AGM AT LANGDALE

The 1992 AGM will be held at Langdale on Sunday 11 October. We have always wanted to do this, but have been concerned as to whether there is sufficient space.

There will be a buffet lunch beforehand. So that we are able to gauge numbers for this, as well as make plans for the meeting, would you kindly let Langdale know if you expect to attend and require lunch by telephoning Lynette on 09667 302 extension 502.

The Committee looks forward to meeting you at the AGM.

#### **CROCKERY**

As many of you have pointed out, the Hornsea 'Contrast' crockery was showing signs of wear, suffering from scratching particularly. The manufacturers no longer

produce that range and Langdale's own stocks were running out, so a new design had to be introduced. Over a period of time, David Fairs exhibited a number of designs at the Lodge Owners' reception each week and sought comments from owners. We eventually opted for Hornsea 'Tuscany' - we hope you like it!

The new crockery was put in the lodges in July and it seems to have been received favourably. The old crockery was boxed into sets and sold to defray some of the costs of its replacement.

#### BETTER BY DESIGN

To maintain the lodges at the high standard expected by owners, certain items need replacing from time to time. This may be for a variety of reasons, eg they have reached the end of their useful life, replacements of that design are no longer available, they are deemed too expensive to continue repairing, etc.

In order to identify appropriate alternative products, we are in the process of inviting various professional interior designers to submit plans for a phased programme of refurbishment. We should also obtain a broad overview of the implications of the process of refurbishing the lodges over an extended period of time

We do not feel that full refurbishment is necessary at the moment as the original items, by and large, have remained in good condition in spite of the heavy use they have experienced. However, we feel that long-range forward planning is essential so that there is adequate time for consultation, so that changes are sympathetic to the Langdale environment, and so that they are introduced with the approval of the majority of owners.

#### LODGE SWAPPING 1992/93

1992			1993			
	Week offered	Week requested		Week offered	Week requested	
1 bed	42	43		13	36-44	
Sleeps 4	42 (CS)	43		14 (CS)	16	
2 bed	39	37		19	23, 22, 15, 43, 7	
				21 (CS)	31, 22, 32, 34, 35	
Sleeps 6	40 (CS) 42	39 43		21	22	
	48 (EH)			21	14, 15, 30-34	
	49( Barn)	May, June (93)		21	22, 14, 15, 43 (any size)	
	49( barri) 50	43, 44 36-41		24	21, 14, 15, 30, 29	
				25	30-35	
	52 (CS)	22 (93)		27	7	
3 beds	42	41		27	52	
Sleeps 8	42	43		27 or 28 (EH)	15-19	
				28 (CS)	14, 15	
1993				28	14, 15	
1 bed	1 (CS)	27		28	14, 15	
Sleeps 4	10	13, 14, 43, 15		30 (CS)	14, 15 (1 bed?)	
	19	7, 8, 42, 43, 20, 36		35	25-29	
	24	22, June		39	20, 21	
	21	22, 14, 15, 30-35, 43		40	14-16, 22, 30-35, 23-29	
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2 beds	1 (CS)	27		43	14, 15, 27-34	
Sleeps 6	2	22, 23, 15, 43, 7	3 beds	5	26-37 or any (2 beds?)	
	4	52, 50 (92)	Sleeps 8	8	7	
	5	8, 15-17, 21, 30-35, 43 (1 bed)		12	52, 30-35, 7, 43, 14, 15, 22	
	5 5	8, 16 15 onwards		12 (CS)	14, 15 (2 beds?)	
1		7		12	14, 15, 7, 22, 28-34, (2 beds?)	
	8			16/17	24, 25, 26	
	9	8, 22, 30-34		25	28-34	
	11	13, 14, 15		36	8, 13, 14, 15 (2 beds?)	
	12	16		47	22, 43, 30-39, 7, 29 13-15	
	12 13	Jan, May, June	For further info	For further information and application form please contact Mrs Sheila Crouch.		
	13	14, 15, 16		(Address below) Te	elephone 0661 23548	

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Bob Hazeldine FRS, Chairman of the Langdale Society re-opening the Nature Trail.

# Nature Trail Re-Opens

The Nature Trail was re-opened in July following some hard work by our Grounds staff with advice and guidance provided by the Lake District National Park ecologist and the British Trust for Conservation.

Situated in Birch Hill Wood behind Elterwater Hall, the area fell into disrepair a few years ago as a result of storm damage and subsequent loss of trees. However, the trail has been rerouted to incorporate as many interesting features as possible. We have added some bat boxes and included owl nesting boxes in continuation of our link with the Owl Centre at Muncaster Castle. Following our success in rearing four barn owl chicks last year, another young family of owl chicks are expected shortly, with our intrepid Grounds staff once again volunteering to risk life and limb providing daily meals for our feathered friends.

The Nature Trail is well signed with leaflets available on the Club Desk. It should be of particular interest to children.

# Refurbishment of the Tamarind

The Tamarind re-opens on 12 September following refurbishment work and improvements.

We have used the opportunity to carry out a number of other

modifications, such as upgrading kitchens and services, providing improved hot and cold food display presentation, a new cocktail bar and other design improvements. Additional equipment has been installed to reduce the level of chlorination from the pool and the installation of partial glass partitioning to improve the atmospheric conditions and temperature in the Club, along with reducing noise.

Work will be commencing shortly on upgrading the Club changing rooms.

### Club Shop

In order to maintain the balance of village life in the Langdale Valley, the Club Shop does not attempt to compete with the two local shops - Maple Tree Corner in Elterwater and the Co-Op in Chapel Stile. Between the two, a sufficient variety of goods including fresh and frozen food is available to meet normal day to day requirements. The Club Shop concentrates on mainly leisure wear and logo'd items along with gifts, confectionery and pharmaceuticals.

We are often asked why a wider range of goods is not available, especially food, so do hope this explains. We very much rely on your support and custom to keep the Shop open.

You may be interested to know that the Post Office in Chapel Stile is now closed and is being re-opened at Mapel Tree Corner in Elterwater.

#### **CONVERSION TO GAS**

Work on converting the site to gas (liquid petroleum gas - LPG) on the Main Estate is nearing completion and the end result will be a more efficient and cost-effective method for providing heating and hot water to lodges.

The present heat exchange system has served us well but is proving to be increasingly expensive to run with maintenance costs rising as equipment wears out.

The new system will offer Langdale owners a number of advantages:

- Heating bills payable by owners will be significantly reduced.
- 2. No lack of heating or hot water in cold weather conditions and improved hot water temperature.
- 3. Overall running costs reduced since it will no longer be necessary to pump hot water underground from the main Plant Room to lodges, with subsequent heat loss en route.
- Elimination of noise from lodge heat pumps.

#### **NEW VIDEO OF LANGDALE**

A copy of our new, professionally-made video is a "must" for all lovers of Langdale! Apart from making an ideal present, it is also good to keep a copy at home to remind yourselves of Langdale in between visits. It not only includes all aspects of life and facilities here but also the excellent scenery of fells, lakes, and in particular, the Langdale Valley. Copies are available in the Shop or by mail order (please see below).

To: Langdale Leisure Ltd The Langdale Hotel & Country Club Great Langdale, Nr Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9JD
Please send me copies of the
Langdale Video @ £9.99 each
(including postage and packing).
I enclose a cheque for £ in full payment.
Name & Address:
Tel No:

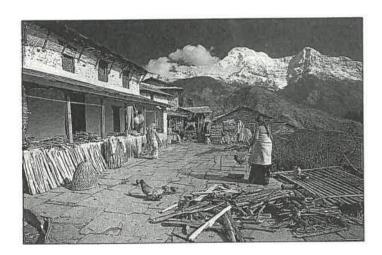


# WALKING HOLIDAYS

Following the success of last year's trip to Nepal, our second group leaves for the same destination this November. We still have one or two places should anyone be interested.

Further holidays are planned for 1993 and 1994. Please fill in the slip below if you would like details. The friendliness and companionship that form an essential part of our Langdale Walking Holidays means that they are particularly well suited for persons who book alone or as part of a group or family. A number of strong new friendships have developed as a result of last year's Nepal trip and this is one of the particular features of this type of holiday.

# NEPAL SHERPA VILLAGE TREK April/May 1994



Having built up a successful partnership with Summit Trekking and the Summit Hotel in Kathmandu, the main feature of this holiday will be an 11 day trek in the Solu Khumbu region of Everest. Based on the Summit Hotel in Kathmandu the holiday also includes 4 days of sightseeing in Kathmandu.

The outline of the trek is that we fly from Kathmandu to Lukla (alt 9000 feet). The route will be Lukla - Chumao - Namche - Khumjung - Thyangboche - Phakding - back to Lukla. Altitude will range between 9000 and 14000 feet. There should be good views of Everest along much of the route.

We will be trekking in spectacular scenery from village to village with overnight accommodation in sherpa houses with double rooms and decent, if simple, toilet and shower facilities. Meals will be prepared by Summit Trekking staff.

The weather should be perfect for walking with temperatures between  $15-22^{\circ}\text{C}$  by day and  $5-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  at night.

The level of trekking is likely to be suitable for anyone who enjoys a reasonable level of fitness.

Inclusive price guide £1499.

## AUSTRIA 16th-23rd May 1993

Half-board accommodation in the excellent family-run Hotel Regina in Seefeld will form the base for an interesting variety of walks, returning to the comfort of the hotel each evening.

The hotel has been selected for its typical Tyrolean style extending a very warm welcome to all guests. It is pleasantly situated just 5 minutes walk from the town centre.

Seefeld is one of Austria's most popular and elegant holiday centres providing something for everyone. Two programmes will be arranged, one for the serious walker and another for the stroller. Inclusive price £376 which includes:



Return flight from Gatwick.
Coach transfer to and from hotel.
7 nights half-board.
Full walking programme including guide.

Flight departures also available from Birmingham and Manchester.

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