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The Newsletter of the Langdale Owners' Club

Spring 1998

New-look Purdey's unveiled

Purdey's Restaurant has reopened following a major upgrade.

The atmospheric new restaurant takes its cue from Langdale's gunpowder-making heritage. It features oak floors and panelling and displays of historic tools that would have been used by the Elterwater coopers and mill workers who once worked where Langdale now stands. The old gunpowder test cannon is the centrepiece of

a new water feature.

We have created a Waterwheel Room which can be used for private dining. The bar area has been moved and renamed Hobson's after the legendary tale of over-indulgence that led to a gunpowder explosion — if you don't recall the story, the restaurant staff will be happy to remind you!

The menu has also been completely revised and features some delicious new dishes.



Above: Hobson's bar; romantic table for two; the gunpowder cannon

Awards for our man at the top

Langdale's "Man at the Top" fundraising initiative, which sponsors a full-time footpath repairman, has been recognised by two major conservation awards.

The Lake District Tourism & Conservation Partnership (LDTCP), of which our "Man at the Top" scheme is an important part, won a silver medal in the English Tourist Board's England for Excellence awards, announced at the end of last year.

It was also Highly Commended in British Airways' Global Tourism of Tomorrow awards which were presented in February.

The programme was shortlist-



Phil O'Donaghue is our new Man at the Top

ed from 117 entries from around the world.

Claire Owen of the LDTCP said: "Langdale's was the pioneering Man at the Top and our

flagship programme."

The Man at the Top project has now raised over £40,000, more than half donated by Langdale visitors and owners.

The project has expanded since it started in 1994 and there are now three sponsored footpath workers. A local holiday cottage company, Heart of the Lakes, have introduced their own Man at the Top and the third man is being set up in Borrowdale.

Clive Stretton, Langdale's original sponsored worker, has now been promoted to the post of National Trust Warden for Duddon and Eskdale.

Into Clive's boots steps Phil O'Donaghue, our new Man at the Top. Phil is a temporary

replacement and a new, permanent worker will be appointed later in the year.

The LDTCP is an independent, non profit-making organisation. Its board of directors, who work on a voluntary basis, includes Langdale MD David Fairs as well as members from the National Trust, local hotel and leisure complexes, the Cumbria Tourist Board and the Lake District National Park Authority.

Our Man at the Top programme relies on your continuing support. Owners can support the project by making a contribution or by adding £10 to their annual management fees. The money will go directly towards this important project.

Club for a fiver

Lodge owners who wish to use the Country Club at times when they are not occupying their lodges can now do so on payment of a special rate of £5 per day, as opposed to the normal daily rate of £10.

This rate is only applicable at low-peak times from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Users will need to show proof that they are owners.

Owners are welcome to come and use the Terrace Restaurant and the Hair & Beauty Salon at any time without paying to use the Club.

Millennium queue

Anyone wishing to rent out their property for the Millennium should give the Sales Office a call. We already have a waiting list of people who want to stay over New Year 1999/2000.

Offers mailing list

We send out a special monthly mailing list detailing hotel and self-catering special offers. If you would like to receive this list call the Sales Office.

Internet resales

Our internet site is being redesigned and will feature a few properties of the week, chosen from our resales list. This offers the most up-to-date method of advertising Langdale properties. Our site is at <http://www.langdale.co.uk>

Chat service

A reminder that we have set up an internet chat service exclusively for owners to share their views on Langdale. To get involved email us on chat@langdale.co.uk and we will give you a password which will allow you to access the service.

Trade-ups

Owners can trade their lodges for larger ones by using our trade-up service. There is a particular demand for large lodges during school holidays — these can be traded for two smaller lodges at other times of the year. Call the Sales Office on 015394 38012 for details.

Powercut fails to dampen the Christmas spirit

Langdale found itself without electricity over Christmas when storms on Christmas Eve brought down power lines, cutting off not just the estate but large parts of Cumbria.

Guests were left without lights and telephones and were unable to cook their Christmas dinners, but staff worked flat out to make everyone as comfortable as possible. They distributed candles to guests while the chefs cooked on gas by candlelight and managed to serve meals on time. They even

managed to find time to help many lodge guests cook their own dinners.

A couple who were staying at the hotel were impressed enough to write: "We had a marvellous time. That Christmas proceeded as usual throughout the hotel under such adverse conditions is due to good management and teamwork. We were very impressed, so much so that we made provisional bookings for next Christmas before we left.

Right: delivering candles



Euro timeshare watchdog to protect owners and industry

A new European organisation is being established to protect both the industry and owners and to advise on standards in new resorts.

The new body, the Organisation for Timeshare in

Europe (OTE) will be similar to ARDA — the American Resort Development Association, which has been successful in regulating the industry in the States with the minimum of Government legislation and interference.

David Fairs, our Managing Director, has been invited to become a member of this new organisation in recognition of Langdale's high standing in the industry and the quality of its resort.

Make a date for food, glorious food

Good food is always on the menu at Langdale, and with the new-look Purdey's there are now even more reasons to dine on the Estate.

Our lodge residents' weekly dinner parties are proving increasingly popular. These will be held on Monday nights throughout the summer. We strongly advise you

to book early for these events as they are regularly over-subscribed. With the completed refurbishment of Purdey's we expect the dinners to be even more popular.

Another treat not to be missed is the now famous shoulder of lamb served at Wainwrights Inn every lunchtime and evening.



The new Purdey's



James Hake from our Housekeeping team recently achieved one of the three highest marks in the country in his A level design exams.

James, 18, achieved A grades in design & technology and art & crafts while attending Kendal's Queen Katherine school. He is now studying an art foundation course at Kendal College.

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Algarve twinning restored



Top: the beach at Quinta do Lago. Above: Four Seasons villa.

Langdale has re-established its twinning arrangement with Four Seasons Fairways in Portugal.

Four Seasons Fairways, at Quinta do Lago on the Algarve, is a luxurious resort with 100 time-share villas, many with private pools. Situated at the edge of Quinta do Lago's championship golf course, it is close to beautiful beaches and is just 20 minutes' from Faro airport.

can exchange directly into Four Seasons Fairways without having to go through the exchange organisations. As the resort has our personal seal of approval, you can be sure to get the same high standards you are used to at Langdale.

For details contact Sheila Crouch (tel/fax 01661 823548). See page 7 for details of swaps available at our other twinned resorts.

Twinning means that owners



Tom Lawton shows the way

Bestselling guidebook author and landscape photographer Tom Lawton has written a guide to short walks from the Langdale Estate.

Titled "Six of the Best", the booklet contains six walks — three low-level routes and three that take you to higher ground. All of them begin and end at the estate.

Originally the idea of the booklet was to introduce new-

comers to Langdale to the beauty of the surrounding area through the walks. But the guide will also appeal to Langdale regulars. It is beautifully illustrated with maps and photographs, including the two above.

To order a copy, send a cheque for £2.50 (includes p&p), made payable to Langdale Leisure Ltd, to: Tom Lawton Guide Offer, The Langdale Estate, Nr Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9JD.



The Langdale Country Club now boasts a new, state-of-the-art spa bath and a refreshingly icy plunge shower. Only for the brave.

Langdale owner going for the Wooden Spoon

Langdale owner Chris Jervis, a school chaplain from Dorset, is leading a team of fellow school-masters to compete in the Great Lakeland Challenge in June.

Billed as the toughest charity challenge in the UK, this televised 12-hour event is organised by the Wooden Spoon Society to raise money to build a teenage cancer unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

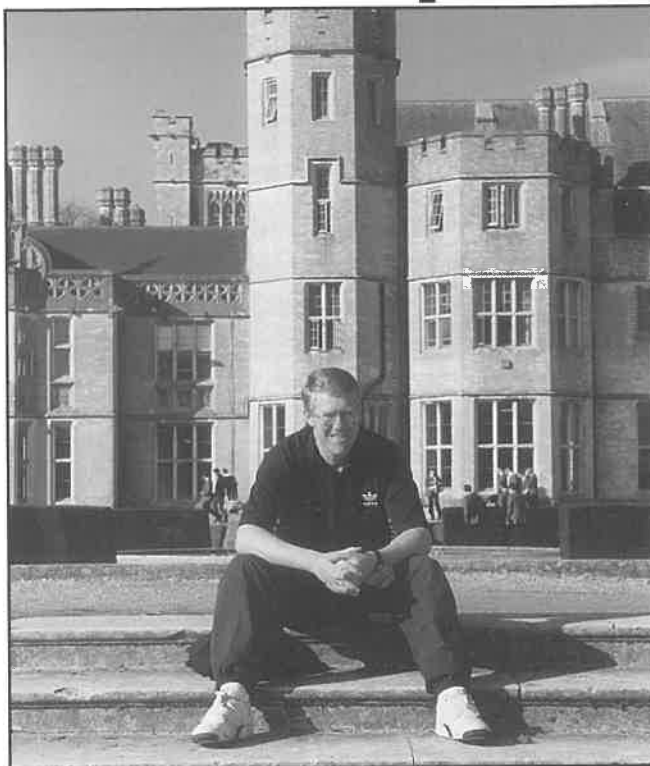
Participants have to canoe the length of England's longest lake (Windermere), cycle the steepest road (Hard Knott Pass) and run up the highest mountain (Scafell Pike).

Then Britain's most exhausted men and women spend the night at the Langdale Hotel to recuperate for the next day's gala dinner and prize giving. Langdale gives the charity specially reduced rates for the event.

Chris is confident that his team will put up a good fight. "We have a GB triathlete and a world bronze medal canoeist in our team, so I don't think we'll be far off the leading pace," he said.

Langdale owners who would like to support the charity by sponsoring Chris's team should send their donations to him at the address below. Corporate sponsors are also sought.

Chris would also like to know



Left: Chris Jervis in front of Canford School in Wimborne, where he is school chaplain. Above: a scene from last year's Lakeland Challenge

whether anyone would be willing to allow his team to use their vacant lodges over the weekend of the challenge — June 12-14 — so that their wives can join them and offer moral support.

The Wooden Spoon Society is a charity set up to help children and young people with special needs.

It was founded in 1983 by a

small group of English rugby fans. The fans were drowning their sorrows in a Dublin bar after seeing their side come last in the International Championship when Irish friends presented them with a symbolic wooden spoon.

After a few more pints of Guinness, the idea of forming a charitable society was born. Since

that day, Wooden Spooners have raised well over £2million for good causes.

After last year's challenge, event co-ordinator Katherine Brindley said: "The Langdale Hotel & Country Club proved to be a great hit with the teams, not least because its luxury proved such a stark contrast to the 12 hours of physical hell they endured during the Challenge! Many thanks to all at Langdale for your support which helped raise £45,784 towards the first Wooden Spoon Society Teenage Cancer Trust Unit in Manchester."

● To sponsor Chris or offer lodge accommodation, write to him at Merryvale, Canford Magna, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AF. Tel 01292 887 722; daytime 01202 841 254.



When David Fairs and 25 owners were on a walking holiday in South Africa last month, Langdale owners Alistair and Helen Gardner invited them to visit their home — called *Langdale* — at Hermanus, Cape Province. The day was spent exchanging Langdale stories and enjoying a braai (barbecue) of locally caught fish.

Casey's squirrel update

12-year-old Casey Allum is our squirrel monitor. She looks after the feeders at Elterwater Hall and reports sightings. Here is her latest report.

Red squirrels are being over-run by grey squirrels, of which we have had quite a few sightings locally. I'm still feeding red squirrels, even in the winter months. The feed areas have to be cleaned up every month as some of the seeds in the tray start to sprout and take root. It looks

quite funny seeing the shoots sprouting out. All the waste food such as corm goes towards feeding the non-migrating birds, so there really isn't any waste.

In October 1997 we spotted what looked to be a hybrid squirrel in the nature trail at Elterwater Hall. It wasn't grey or red but had a red streak running from its head to tail. It looked a lot bigger than the red squirrels. Some Canadians who were on holiday at Langdale stood with me in the pouring rain trying to decipher what it was.



Langdale sponsored owner Dr Nick McCraith to the tune of £100 on his recent 400km charity cycle ride across Jordan. Nick, a regular traveller with Langdale Walking Holidays, joined 85 cyclists who raised over £100,000 for the National Deaf Children's Society.

Roger saved our roast

Dear Mr Fairs,

I am writing to bring to your attention an incident which occurred during our stay.

On the Sunday at the beginning of our week I was asked by one of my guests to show her how the oven worked, as she was planning to cook us a roast dinner to eat after returning from our walk that afternoon. However on my close inspection of the cooker I found that there seemed to be no electrical power to it.

I reported the fault to Maintenance and stayed at the lodge whilst my guests went out on the walk.

I did not have to wait long, Roger arrived within half an hour. Unfortunately the problem was more serious than he appreciated and whilst he was checking the equipment the thermostat blew. He also went on to explain that with it being a Sunday he was the only engineer on duty and would I mind waiting until Monday morning. I understood completely and was more than happy to wait.

When my guests arrived back I explained what the problem was and suggested dining at Wainwrights that evening. However, my guest was somewhat dismayed that the food she had prepared would go to waste. Rather reluctantly I agreed to take her to reception to try and resolve this sooner rather than later.

Roger happened to be standing on the other side of reception. I introduced my guest to Roger and she quickly explained her concern. Roger was somewhat put on the spot, but suggested that perhaps the restaurant kitchens could cook the food for her. We were taken to the hotel kitchens and introduced to the Head Chef who was more than happy to do this.

When the hotel reception rang to say that the food was ready I went to the kitchens, where the chef gave me three trays wrapped in tin foil and a gravy boat.

Back at the lodge I removed the tin foil wrapping and found the finest meal all neatly prepared on the trays which not only looked exceptional but had been prepared to the finest quality possible. All four of us sat down to the meal and enjoyed it very much.

May I ask you to thank all the staff in reception, the kitchens and Roger from Maintenance for their efforts, which went beyond the call of duty.

May I finish by commending both you and your staff for maintaining these high standards which make the Langdale Estate the premier timeshare property it has always been. As far as I am concerned the customer care displayed by the staff is second to none.

Yours faithfully
Andrew Griffin
Knutsford

Poems

By Steve Hake
Lodge 8

This Year it didn't rain so much,
My clothes weren't always wet to the touch,
We scored well at the Wainwrights Quiz Night,
But my hiking boots felt just a wee bit too tight.

We walked through the Langdale nature trail,
The wildlife there could tell a tale,
A squirrel feeder up on a tree,
And birds of all sorts, there to see.

We went to see the birds of prey,
In Lowther, over near Ullswater way,
It's worth the drive, the views are great,
Through Kirkstone Pass, don't leave too late.

We didn't see the red squirrel this time,
Probably on holiday, drinking lager and lime,
If I lived here I wouldn't go away,
I'd stay and walk and swim all day.

The new Spa in the Hotel is relaxing,
Makes you forget phones, computers, and faxing.
In fact while here I've forgotten about work,
That's what's nice here, it's another great perk.

It's not been cold this week at all,
No ice or snow to make you fall,
I'm sure I saw a sheep wearing sunglasses,
Whilst walking up near one of the passes.

I joined the National Trust, you'll see,
The benefits are many, car parks are free,
They also keep the Lakes tidy and clean,
Maintain the paths, for views to be seen.

Saturday tomorrow, back to the South,
Cars fumes and grime tastes left in my mouth,
So here's to next year, and it's October breaks,
In the lovely District of the Lakes.

Look after it whilst we're not about,
Keep it quiet, don't scream and shout,
If crowds turn up to take a peek,
Tell them to go when it gets to our week!

by Sarah Clarr, age 10
Lodge 67, week 37

The Lake District has lovely countryside,
you can also walk by the lake side.

You can climb up the hills and mountains,
and there's also waterfalls and fountains.

There are lodges where you can sleep,
and hills with cattle and sheep.

When you like you can walk in the woods,
and go to the shop to buy goods.

Following the success of the 1997 AGM, music and dancing are back on the agenda

Have a ball at this year's AGMs

Everyone who came along to the first Langdale Owners' Club Dinner Dance in Cheltenham agreed it was a great success and should be repeated this year.

So make a date now to join us at the North Lakes Hotel in Penrith for the dinner/dance on Saturday 17th October, followed by the AGMs of both Langdale Owners PLC and the Langdale Owners' Club to be held at the same hotel on Sunday 18th October.

You will receive formal notifi-

cation of the AGM nearer the time but, as we have negotiated special rates for a limited number of rooms at the North Lakes Hotel, you are advised to book early.

The special price of £78 per night inclusive of VAT for bed & breakfast for 2 persons sharing a double/twin room compares with the normal rate of £120. The price for a single room is £59 and £98 for a suite.

The hotel, conveniently situated close to junction 40 of the M6 motorway and within striking

distance of Langdale, has an attractive leisure club.

How to book: To reserve your hotel accommodation, call the North Lakes Hotel on 01768 868111 stating "Langdale AGM booking". For the black-tie dinner/dance please send a cheque for £25 per person, payable to Langdale Leisure Ltd, to Lynette Berry at Langdale. To book the buffet lunch on Sunday, please send her a cheque for £10 per person, also made payable to Langdale Leisure Ltd.

If you would like further information, please contact the Owners' Club Office or, if you would like to know a little more about the hotel, please ring them direct.



Left: last year's AGM was voted a great success. Right: the pool at the North Lakes Hotel, this year's venue.



Dinner Dance
Saturday 17 October
 £25 per person. Dress: black tie. 7.30pm for 8.00.
 Entertainment and dancing to live music
 Carriages: midnight

AGMs
Sunday 18 October
 10.00 Tea & coffee
 11.00 Langdale Owners plc AGM (shareholders)
 12.30 Buffet lunch at £10 per person
 14.00 Langdale Owners' Club AGM (all owners)
 15.30 Tea, coffee and biscuits

Anomaly rentals

The usual blip in the timeshare calendar once again throws up opportunities for renting Langdale properties next winter.

We are offering special rates on periods of at least two days (unless you are extending your own week 50, 52, 1 or 2).

Last year these were snapped up very quickly so contact the Office ASAP if you are interested.

A deposit of £50 will secure a reservation, with the balance

payable six weeks before commencement. The prices per night are outlined below.

- Grasmere lodges £60
- Coniston lodges £75
- Windermere lodges £80
- Ullswater lodges £85
- Elterwater Hall £80
- Elterwater Cottage £60
- 1-bed Chapel Stile £55
- 2-bed Chapel Stile £70
- 3-bed Chapel Stile £80

For bookings call the Sales Office on 015394 38012.

Unit	Type	Beds/sleeps	Week	£ sale	Share
4	Coniston	2/6	35	8,690	s3504
56	Windermere	2/6	35	11,500	s3356
56	Windermere	2/6	39	10,500	s3956
82	Ullswater	3/8	41	12,600	s4182
8	Grasmere	1/4	52	8,999	s5208
5	Elterwater Cottage	1/4	4	negotiable	s0487
12	Grasmere	1/4	12	3,500	s1212
52	Grasmere	1/4	12	4,900	s1252
82	Ullswater	3/8	17	11,200	s1782
1	Elterwater Hall	2/6	24	9,780	s2483
3	Coniston	2/6	26	9,000	s2603
66	Coniston	2/6	30	11,000	s3066

Acquire a share in Langdale



Owners who chose not to participate in the buyout of Langdale Leisure Ltd have another chance to acquire a share in the company.

Some of the resale properties on our books come with a share attached. This presents owners with a chance to buy a second timeshare week at Langdale and join the many owners who have a stake in Langdale's future.

The table above shows some of our current resale bargains which include a share. Call the Sales Office on 015394 38012 for more information.

Lodge refurbishment

The annual maintenance of lodges takes place between November and March, and this winter an accelerated programme of upgrading and refurbishment has been taking place in order to provide further improvements in quality.

By the end of March, practically all the old leather suites will

have been replaced and new CD stereo systems installed. Dining suites, flooring, games tables and electrical equipment are also being replaced as necessary.

This programme is ongoing and we very much hope that you approve of the efforts being made, not only to maintain standards but also to improve them.

Management fees 1998-99

The increase in management fees for arrivals on or after May 1 this year has been restricted to 2.5%. This has been made possible by the management company's willingness to budget for a reduction in the profit it retains for managing the time-shares on our behalf.

	LODGES				CHAPEL STILE			ELTERWATER	
	Grasmere	Coniston	W'mere	Ullswater	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	Hall/Barn	Cottage
Maintenance fee	159.91	187.25	196.75	210.77	126.64	160.09	180.25	210.77	187.25
Disbursements: rates	35.11	41.06	43.13	46.17	27.88	35.15	39.53	46.17	41.06
water	7.11	8.31	8.73	9.35	5.64	7.12	8.00	9.35	8.31
insurance	2.36	2.76	2.90	3.11	1.88	2.37	2.66	3.11	2.76
TV licence	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87
Sinking fund contribution	37.98	44.41	46.65	49.94	30.16	38.03	42.76	49.94	44.41
Total excluding VAT	244.34	285.66	300.03	321.21	194.07	244.63	275.07	321.21	285.66
VAT @ 17.5% on maintenance fee only	27.98	32.77	34.43	36.88	22.16	28.02	31.54	36.88	32.77
Total management fee	272.32	318.43	334.46	358.09	216.23	272.65	306.61	358.09	318.43
Last year's fee	265.68	310.66	326.30	349.37	210.96	265.99	299.13	349.37	310.66

Lodge swaps

These tables show owners at Langdale, Craighendarroch and Madeira (Carlton Palms and Madeira Beach Club) who would like to exchange their weeks. If you are interested, contact Sheila Crouch (tel/fax 01661 823548). Administration charges: Langdale £25; others £50.

Swaps at Langdale

Offered	Requested	Offered	Requested
1998			
1-BED → SLEEPS 4			
13	any (wheelch'r access)	36	school hols (any)
22 (CS)	29-34	36	school hols
22 (CS)	14, 15	36	14-15, 21, 29-30, 34
23	school hols	37	school hols
37	school hols	37	33, 34
42	school hols	38	June
2-BED → SLEEPS 6			
1	28, 29 (1999)	38	28
13	31-34	39	summer hols
15	39,40	39 (EH)	end Oct. on
17	late summer-autumn	41	43
19	31-41	42	43
19	any (wheelch'r access)	45	school hols
19 (EH)	44	45	43
19	21, 14, 28-34	47 (EH)	27-34
20	summer hols	52	14-15, 21, 28-32
21	25, 27	3-BED → SLEEPS 8	
23	Xmas '98 or '89	15	13
26	any	19	Nov (2-bed)
26	43, school hols	24	25-30
26 (Barn)	50	32	27, 30, 31 (2-bed)
27	29	37	18, 19
28	30, 31, 32	39	29, 30, 33, 34
30	27, 28, 29	40	21, 29, 43
31	26 (W)	40	43 (2-bed)
33	23, 24, 25	1999	
33	28-32	1-BED → SLEEPS 4	
35	14	18	37-41
35	43	2-BED → SLEEPS 6	
35	43	8	7, 14, 15
35	Oct.	17	1 (2000)
36	school hols (any)	19	Xmas '98
		35	21
		38	school hols

Swaps at Madeira

Week	Sleeps	Wanted
1998		
1	2	36-39
16/17	6	June, July
21	4	21
21	2	26-37, Nov
22	4	Aug, 21, Easter
23	2	Sept, Oct, any
26/27	4	25-35
28/29	4	24-36
32	4	14-22, 24-28, 36-39
35	4	38-39, 40, 23-25
37	2	35-37, any
38/39	4	27, 28
38	4	21-29
43	2	24, 25, 26
48	4	23, 27, 35
50	6	June, July



Something a little different for next year?

Swaps at Craighendarroch

Week	Sleeps	Wanted
1998		
14	8	14, 30
15	8	15, 31
16	8	16
19	6	26, 27
19	6	19
19	6	25-27, 37-39
19	8	19, 20
20	8	22, 23
21	4	26-28
21	8	21, 31, 32, 6
22	8	21, 14
23	4	26, 27
24	6	33, 34
26	6	24, 26
26	4	24, 25
27	6	19, 20
28	4	28
28	4	28, 29
33	2	Aug, Sept
33	8	23-24, early Sept
33	6	21, 32, 35
34	4	18-28, 36-39
35	6	36, 37, 38
35	8	13, 14
37	6	31, 32
38	8	19-28
38	8	36, 35
40	8	30, 31
40	6	21, 30, 43
41	6	41
43	4	43
47	4	45, 46
48	6	up to 48
49	8	49
52	6	52
1999		
1	4	10-16, 24-37
5	8	5, 6

Langdale Walking Holidays

Langdale Walking Holidays offer spectacular walking in some of the world's most beautiful areas coupled with the organisation and quality people have come to expect from the Langdale Estate. Below is a brief introduction to some of our forthcoming holidays.

Patagonia, February 2000

Travelling to South America for the first time, we start in Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital, before journeying into the heart of this hauntingly beautiful part of the world.

Highlights include the Patagonian Andes, awesome glaciers and a visit to the world's most southerly town in Tierra del Fuego. The trip of a lifetime.

Canyon Country, Sept 2000

Canyon Country is the local name for the immense and astonishing Colorado Plateau in the south-western United States. From the glitz of Las Vegas we head to the greatest geological wonder of them all: the Grand Canyon.

Other highlights include Zion National Park, Monument Valley and the Navajo Reservation. We will be introduced to Native American culture and the mysterious remains of prehistoric civilizations.

Rajasthan, February 1999

Our visit to India's most colourful and exotic province promises to be an unrivalled experience.

With the focus on culture rather than walking, we visit the

magical cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, staying in fabulous palaces including the world famous Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur. We also visit the Taj Mahal.

Cyprus, October 1999

Based in Paphos, known throughout the ancient world as the birthplace of Aphrodite, we explore the magnificent pine-fringed coastline of this idyllic island and venture into the beautiful Troodos mountains.

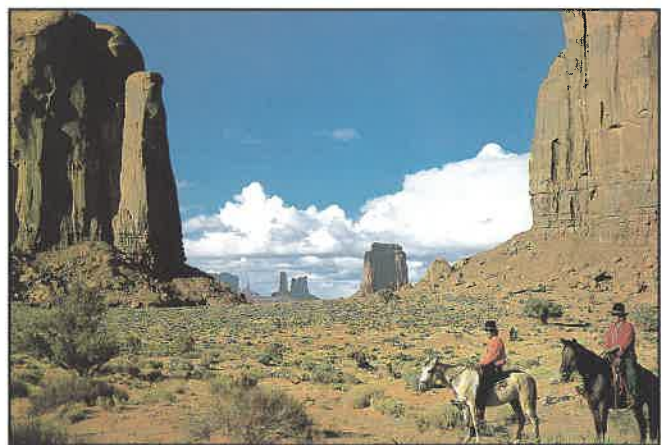
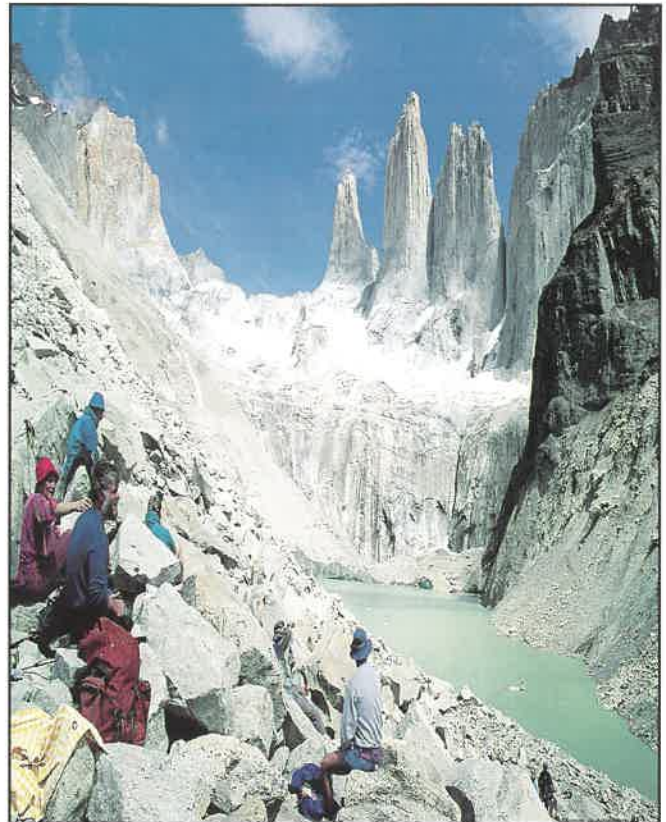
Visits to spectacular archaeological sites and monasteries are also included. An optional second week allows you to unwind on the beach.

Other destinations

Places are still available on the following holidays:

- Nepal Sept 1998
- Borneo April 1999
- Madeira July 1999
- New Zealand & Fiji Nov 1999
- Austrian Alps May 2000
- Switzerland July 2000
- South Africa Nov-Dec 2000

For details, and to receive our new regular newsletter, call 015394 37302 (office hours) or 01539 736493 (other times). Alternatively fax your name and address to 015394 37394, or post to: David Fairs, Langdale Walking Holidays, PO Box 18, Great Langdale, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9GF



Top: Torres del Paine, Patagonia. Bottom: Monument Valley,

Langdale Walking Weekends

Langdale Walking Weekends are a great opportunity to experience some of the best Lakeland walks in good company; not to mention the added attraction of staying at the Langdale Hotel and eating extremely well.

The next weekend, in September, is hosted by David Fairs and our guide for the two walks will be Tom Lawton. Tom is

not only an accomplished guide and photographer but has also published several best-selling guidebooks.

Friday 25 September

Arrive from 2.00pm. Free use of Country Club facilities. In the evening, meet in Hobson's bar for pre-dinner drinks before dinner party in Purdey's restaurant.

Saturday 26 September

Cumbrian breakfast before driving to Thirlmere. Walk up Birk Side to summit of Helvellyn. Optional extension to include scramble along Striding Edge. Grade: moderate, 6 hours (Striding Edge: hard, 8 hours).

In the evening, Tom Lawton gives a slide presentation on the Lake District, followed by a pictorial journey around the world and a short presentation of Langdale Walking Holidays by David Fairs

follows. Then a dinner party in Purdey's restaurant.

Saturday 27 September

Cumbrian breakfast, followed by walk via Elterwater to Skelwith Bridge. On to Low Oxen Fells and Hodge Close Quarries. Return via Slater Bridge. Grade: easy (4 hours).

For a more detailed programme and prices please call Freephone 0500 051197.