

# Views

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## Wainwrights' scoops 'best pint' award

Wainwrights' Inn has scooped all the other pubs in Cumbria to win the prestigious Cask Marque Award from Jennings Brewery.

The annual award is given by the brewery to the pub which, in its opinion, serves the finest pint of Jennings' ales.

It works like this: tasters from the Brewery secretly visit every pub that serves Jennings on four separate occasions to assess the quality of the brew served. It is a knockout-style competition, where each visit reduces the number of pubs in the running.

By the fourth round the tasters — who, we assume, are still sober enough to make a sound judgment — have whittled down the field to find the pub that pours the best pint of Jennings.

Wainwrights' is already proud of its entry in the Good Pub Guide, and this additional accolade seals its reputation as one of the best pubs in the area.

## David Fairs retires



Managing Director David Fairs retires at the end of this month after having come to Langdale some ten years ago following Scottish and Newcastle's purchase of Matthew Brown, the brewers. David sends his sincere good wishes to all Langdale

owners and plans to keep in touch with as many old (and not so old!) friends as possible.

"It has been a great privilege and pleasure to have worked at Langdale and to share your beautiful resort with you" Please see his letter on page 5.

## Sale of limited edition print

Judy Boyes, a well-known Lakeland artist, has been commissioned to paint the view from Langdale's 'Founder's Seat'.

800 limited edition prints will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. Copies will contain the following wording - 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills' - 'The View from the Founder's Seat, Langdale Estate'.

Sold with a signed Certificate of Authenticity: framed prints £58.75, unframed £23.50. To order, telephone 015394 38026 or complete enclosed form.



## Big plans for Langdale's best kept secret



Brackens is Langdale's best kept secret — a traditional Lakeland stone cottage straight out of a Beatrix Potter book, surrounded by its own private garden and tucked away at the edge of the Estate.

Brackens is now going to be developed as the premier timeshare property at Langdale. It will be the last new unit on the Estate.

The two-bedroom cottage will be refurbished sensitively to retain the building's character, while incorporating the same high-quality furnishings and state-of-the-art

facilities you would expect at Langdale. It will also feature a barbeque patio reached from the lounge via sliding glass doors.

Work will start on converting the cottage in January 2000, and it is planned to be ready for occupation in April.

Proposed prices are from £8000 with discounts for purchases before completion.

If you are interested in buying a timeshare week at Brackens and would like to have a look around the property, call our sales office on 015394 38012.

# RCI award goes to Sue Neild

Langdale Hair & Beauty Salon Manager Sue Neild has won a coveted RCI award at the exchange organisation's annual prize-giving ceremony.

Sue came top in the category of leisure centre staff, hairdressers and beauticians.

RCI (Resort Condominiums International) has had a resort employee recognition programme for four years. It was set up to recognise staff who have gone that extra mile to ensure not only that guests have a wonderful holiday, but whose work improves customers' perception of timeshare. Nominations are submitted for six categories from UK and Malta resorts.

The summary of Sue's achievements, on which assessments are made, included phrases such as: "The natural friendliness and charm of Sue have made her many lifelong friends amongst her customers, and most will openly admit that the highlight of their visit is talking to Sue."

Langdale's Operations Director David Banks said: "If I had to pick a person to be 'cloned' to provide more staff for Langdale, Sue would be top of my list."

Since the inception of the award programme, Langdale employees have had a run of success. In 1996, Steve Morgan won the maintenance staff and gardeners' category. 1997 was

the turn of Myles Ball, who won for bar, restaurant and kitchen staff.

In 1998 Alan Hurst from Wainwrights' Inn was short-listed but unfortunately was unable to attend the interviews, which prevented him from having a chance of winning.

Unfortunately, just after winning her accolade, Sue handed in her resignation, but for all the right reasons. After 11 years at Langdale, she has taken the plunge and will be opening her own salon in Lancashire, from where she originally

hails. If you live in the area and would like to contact her, just give us a call on 015394 38060 at Langdale and we'd be pleased to pass on details.



Sue Neild



The Pillar Room

## Refurb programme rolls on

We have just completed the refurbishment of our popular Waterside rooms.

This is part of a programme in the Hotel to refurbish ten rooms per year to ensure that the Langdale standard of quality remains high.

We are now getting on with the refurbishment of our conference rooms to extremely high standards.

The Pillar and Gateway rooms have already been done and plans are currently being put together for the Partners Room and the Room at the Top.

The biggest programme, which is now complete, was the considerable upgrading of the Chapel Stile Apartments.

This included new leather furniture for the lounge; new dining suites and games tables in oak; the redecoration of lounges, bedrooms, hallways and passages; and many new beds and mattresses.

We have also installed new Amtico floors and ceramic hobs in the kitchens, and fitted gas central heating and hot water systems with separate boilers for each apartment, to control and monitor use of utilities. There are new des-

ignated car parking areas for each apartment.

Lodge 67 owners will be aware of subsidence problems with the property.

This was found to be caused by movement of the concrete raft supporting the outhouse, and has been solved by tearing down and rebuilding the outhouse using the original materials after replacement of the shoring and concrete floor.

Congratulations to Colin Lister who project managed this tricky work, getting it done on time and on budget.

## Heading Mill converted into staff accommodation

The conversion of the Heading Mill into new staff accommodation is now complete.

The upgrade demonstrates Langdale's commitment to retaining good staff by providing quality housing as an incentive. Few other hotels offer anything of a similar quality; most accommodation is fairly grotty.

There are four self-contained, en-suite units over the Maintenance Department offices

and Grounds store. Two of the rooms have spectacular views over the Langdale Beck.

This is an historic building where the gunpowder barrels, made by the hoopers and cooperers in the cooperage (now Lodge 81), had their heads (lids) fitted. This was done with a special tool that finished off the edges of the barrel staves. A set of these tools is on display in Purdey's Restaurant and Hobson's Bar.



Langdale's Club Shop now stocks a range of jackets and walking poles by the Brasher Boot Company. Founded in 1983 by Olympic gold medalist and broadcaster Chris Brasher, the company makes some of the finest outdoor wear available.

The shop also stocks an unusual and changing range of gift items, swimwear and Langdale logo'd items (only available from the shop).

Open from 8 am to 7 pm, 7 days a week, it's well worth a visit.





Peter and Liz Eggington's 'Buttermere Valley from Haystacks', David Banks' 'Landscape' and Mrs V Stonehewer's 'Goose on Elterwater'.

## Vote for Art competition winners

Langdale owners Peter and Liz Eggington have won first prize in our Vote for Art photography competition. The picture of sheep on the fells above the Buttermere Valley attracted the highest number of votes from Langdale guests, owners and visitors to our website.

Second prize was a tie between 'Landscape' by David Banks (not our own David...again an owner) and Mrs V. Stonehewer's study of Elterwater.

We were pleasantly surprised at the volume and quality of photographs submitted for the Vote for Art contest.

In all we received over 140 photographs, and selecting the winners was a difficult task. Due to the quality and the tremendous response from Internet visitors, we plan to leave the photos on the site as our photo library.

We have also made screensavers of the winning photos,

which can be downloaded free from [www.langdale.co.uk](http://www.langdale.co.uk).

The screensavers are also available on disk, price £1 each including postage and packing. For details call 015394 38026.

A series of Langdale postcards featuring the winning photos will be on sale soon.

## Sales role for website

We are in the process of completely redesigning the timeshare section of our website.

The site is already proving a successful way of selling and renting timeshare, and we are now expanding the service.

We have already listed every property available for sale and all properties available for rent.

These listings will be linked to

detailed descriptions of each property and we have finished taking digital photos of both the exterior and interior of each Lodge and Apartment.

The location of the unit will be featured on these pages along with individual descriptions, many provided by the owners of these weeks themselves.

The site is at [www.langdale.co.uk](http://www.langdale.co.uk)

## Underscar takes shape

The construction of Phase II at Underscar has commenced two months ahead of schedule.

The new timeshare resort at Keswick is being developed under the guidance of Langdale, which is acting as a consultant.

Phase II will be a new construction in a courtyard setting. Each apartment will have a shel-

tered terrace with views towards Newlands and Derwent Water. They should be ready for occupation from mid-April.

Over 100 Langdale couples have already visited Underscar to see the properties. If you would like to make an appointment to view, simply telephone 015394 38012.

## Training success for Langdale staff

Three Langdale staff achieved National Vocational Qualifications (MNVQs) recently, as part of our on-going staff training initiative.

Deputy Hotel Manager Cathy Marsh attained a Level 4 MNVQ in management.

This is no mean achievement; Level 4 is designed for senior management and the next level up, Level 5, is intended for managing directors!

Lodge Head Housekeeper Annette Sloan and Terrace Restaurant Manager Linda Turner both attained Level 3 in the management NVQ.

Obtaining an MNVQ requires a lot of hard work over a long period of time, so congratula-



Left to right: Linda Turner, Annette Sloan and Cathy Marsh.

tions to all three.

A number of other Langdale staff are now studying for Level 3 MNVQs so we hope to be able to announce further successes in the near future.



## Anniversary of Man at the Top

The Man at the Top programme celebrates its fifth anniversary this summer.

The programme was launched in the Autumn edition of Views 1994, when we asked Langdale owners to help raise funds for the National Trust's footpath repair team.

The objective was to fund an extra worker to help the team working to repair eroded footpaths in the Langdale Valley.

Within a short time, thanks to your generosity, we had raised over £2000.

The following May, the House of Commons Environmental Select Committee paid a visit to Langdale to see first-hand Our Man at the Top project. By that time we had raised over £6000, and Clive Stretton had been officially appointed Our Man at the Top.

In our Autumn edition 1995,

we were announcing that Our Man had topped £10,000 — and still climbing! Clive was by then paying regular visits to Langdale, giving slide presentations so that guests were kept informed of work being carried out.

Spring 1996 found Clive working up on Loughrigg restoring some seriously eroded sections of the path. But the exciting news was the appointment of the second Man at the Top, sponsored by Heart of the Lakes, who thought that Langdale's sponsorship was such a good idea that they decided to raise money for one of their own. Contributions are still coming in nicely.

In 1997, we were announcing that over £15,500 had been raised, but that we still needed help to continue to support Our Man. We began inviting owners to contribute by adding a donation to their management fees. This initiative has proven to be very successful and donations increased.

In the Spring of 1998, Clive was (sadly for us!) promoted to the post of National Trust Warden for Duddon and Eskdale.

Phil O'Donoghue bravely filled in until a new permanent man could be found.

Last Autumn, we announced the appointment of Peter Entwistle who officially took over as our sponsored footpath repairman.

Talking to Peter, we learned that there was serious damage to paths on The Band. So we asked for donations of £50 which would pay for the cost of renewing one metre.

To date, we have sponsored 7 metres on top of continued regular contributions. The good news is that this year we have raised more than ever; to date the grand total is just over £50,000.

The footpath repair programme has recently won a silver medal in the English Tourist Board's England for Excellence Award, and was Highly Commended in British Airways Global Tourism of Tomorrow Awards. There are now three Men at the Top — all inspired by Langdale's pioneering programme.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported — and continues to support — this very important initiative.

## Marsh's moves merit medal

**Deputy Hotel Manager Cathy Marsh has won a silver medal at the Northern Line Dancing finals, and now goes to the National semis. She tells the story.**

What a year! It all started with karate until injury stopped play, so a new exciting physical pursuit had to be found.

After having a go at hockey, tennis, squash, body conditioning and a few other hot, sweaty sports, I found my new destiny in a pair of leather boots, a John Wayne hat and some fantastic music. Yes, you have guessed it, Line Dancing was calling me!

Being the only hotel manager in Cumbria hot-footing across the dance floor twice a week, I decided to put my moves to the test. On the recommendation of

my dance instructor I was signed on the dotted line, and off to the British Line Dancing Championships I did go.

Knees knocking, palms sweating, cowgirl boots rubbing, I headed off into the sunset with my posse to Carlisle for the northern qualifying heats.

The dance for my section was being taught on the night, so no amount of practice would have prepared me for the Johnny Two Steps experience. With my number pinned on my back, I awaited the call.

There it was, I was on, along



with a dozen other hopeful foot-tapping, knee-bending, hip-wiggling dancers. Three deep breaths and we were off, backs to the judges, music pumping, facing a hundred eyes watching.

"My goodness, what have I let myself in for?" I thought. I had only been dancing a couple of months and never listened to a Dolly Parton tape in my life!

What were those steps shown an hour ago? A grapevine first, a cha-cha here, a quarter-turn right, three quarter-turn left, hitch, jazz-box ... oh no! Don't look at your feet. Don't watch the person next to you. SMILE!

And that is just what I did, and my smile was even wider when I was presented with the Silver Medal to take home.

So it's now off to the semi-finals with my posse for support and who knows - with a bit of luck, the right steps, and a prayer, it could be Wembley for the finals.



# Fairs' farewell

**David Fairs retires as Langdale Managing Director this month. Here he signs off with a farewell letter.**



Above: David Fairs hands over to David Banks. Above right: Mr Fairs now has more time for his garden on the outskirts of Kendal.

I retire from my position as Managing Director of Langdale Leisure Ltd at the end of April.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Langdale Owners' Club for their help and co-operation during the last 10 years. I would also like to pay tribute to the Langdale staff, and thank them for their professionalism and hard work. Without them my job would have been impossible.

I have greatly enjoyed my time at Langdale, and leave with a sense of achievement. One of the most significant events during my time here has been the owners' buy-out of the resort from Scottish & Newcastle in 1996.

There is no doubt that the support of so many of you who bought shares has secured Langdale's future for the benefit of everyone.

I am well aware of the feelings of many of you who regard this as a very special place and I believe it can only improve as time goes on.

I very much hope to be able to maintain contact with as many of you as possible. Although I am handing over the reins of the day-to-day running of the Estate, I will be staying in touch as a consultant to the business helping, if required, with

the ongoing management of the Estate and promoting new business opportunities.

I will retain my position on the Organisation for Timeshare in Europe — the newly-formed timeshare trade body — and continue as a member of their Ethics Council.

Through both these organisations, I hope to be able to promote the best interests of Langdale.

I also plan to continue organising and running walking holidays around the world. You will see from the back page of this newsletter that Langdale Walking Holidays (which are operated in conjunction with my son Marcus and with the agreement of Langdale Owners PLC) continue to grow.

Now, with the benefit of more time, I am making plans to add new and exciting destinations around the world. Many of you have already joined me on these holidays and I hope more of you will do so in the future.

David Banks has been appointed as my successor. I have no doubt he is absolutely the right person for the job and, with your help and the support and backing of our excellent staff, I am sure that Langdale will go from strength to strength.

## Squirrels: now buy the T-shirt

**Casey Allum, our squirrel monitor, has launched a range of merchandise to help save the threatened creatures**

It would appear that I have quite a following from reports my father comes home with and people asking my mother if I'm really only twelve. Actually I'm nearly fourteen now.

People have told me about sightings of more grey squirrels during the winter months. Yes, we do have greys in Cumbria but people forget that the red squirrels' fur colour is variable: from

bright ginger through to red and dark brown or black tinged with grey in winter.

They also have larger ear tufts in mid-winter which disappear in the summer, and bushy tails which bleach white by late summer.

A lady who was staying at Elterwater Hall mentioned that she had seen a grey/red squirrel and possibly this was a hybrid of

some sort. I think that because squirrels are territorial that it is highly unlikely (but not impossible).

Red squirrels have declined in most of the UK and are really confined to isolated populations in Wales and to only four places in central England. They are still widespread in the North of England and Scotland, but even here their range is contracting.

I am always trying new ways to improve the help we offer the squirrels at Langdale. Last year, Merediths shop in the Country Club asked to sponsor us by providing more feeders for the Estate.

We have produced a special red squirrel postcard which has proven to be very popular and are now offering a selection of T-shirts which I have designed.

With the purchase of each



shirt (child sizes only), there will be a £1 donation towards the purchase of squirrel feed. Shirts are suitable for children from age 3 to 11 and cost £7.50 including post and packing.

For a brochure on how to order, telephone the sales office on 015394 38026 or you can enquire by email from the Langdale web site at <http://www.langdale.co.uk>.

## Millennium sale

Most owners at Langdale do not use the exchange organisations and they tell us that it's because they don't want to lose their week at Langdale.

A number of years ago, we identified some opportunities for owners to purchase additional weeks to exchange. These weeks were quickly sold.

As a result of our trading-up programme, a handful of these weeks are again owned by Langdale Leisure. So, as a

special Millennium offer, we decided to sell them at the outstanding price of £1,999!

This would give owners the chance to purchase to exchange and we have made an arrangement with Interval International so that, with the purchase of any of these weeks, you can enjoy a one year's free membership to allow you to try the system. This will be on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Properties on offer are:

LODGES/APARTMENT	WEEKS
Grasmere Lodge 52,	9, 20
Chapel Stile Apartment 4	19, 45
Chapel Stile Apartment 5	12, 20, 23, 24, 4
Chapel Stile Apartment 10	6

## Seeing in the Millennium creates unprecedented demand

### Hotel

The Hotel is now over half booked for the Millennium, so if you want to spend this most special night at Langdale you need to contact us now for details.

### Lodge rentals

There is a waiting list for self-catering rentals in our timeshare lodges so if you can't be with us, we may well have someone waiting to rent your week.

### Anomalies

Why not recover or prepare for Millennium celebrations with an extended stay or extra few nights in one of the timeshare properties before or after the holiday

season. Prices per night are as follows — there is no increase from last year.

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.

The owners of weeks 50, 52, 1 & 2 have been given first refusal on the anomaly days available in their property until 1 June 1999. After this they will be offered to people registered on our waiting list.

## Timeshare calendar 1999

WEEK No.	WEEK COMMENCES			17	23/4	24/4	25/4	35	27/8	28/8	29/8
	FRI	SAT	SUN								
1	Check Holiday Certificates			18	30/4	1/5	2/5	36	3/9	4/9	5/9
2	8/1	9/1	10/1	19	7/5	8/5	9/5	37	10/9	11/9	12/9
3	15/1	16/1	17/1	20	14/5	15/5	16/5	38	17/9	18/9	19/9
4	22/1	23/1	24/1	21	21/5	22/5	23/5	39	24/9	25/9	26/9
5	29/1	30/1	31/1	22	28/5	29/5	30/5	40	1/10	2/10	3/10
6	5/2	6/2	7/2	23	4/6	5/6	6/6	41	8/10	9/10	10/10
7	12/2	13/2	14/2	24	11/6	12/6	13/6	42	15/10	16/10	17/10
8	19/2	20/2	21/2	25	18/6	19/6	20/6	43	22/10	23/10	24/10
9	26/2	27/2	28/2	26	25/6	26/6	27/6	44	29/10	30/10	31/10
10	5/3	6/3	7/3	27	2/7	3/7	4/7	45	5/11	6/11	7/11
11	12/3	13/3	14/3	28	9/7	10/7	11/7	46	12/11	13/11	14/11
12	19/3	20/3	21/3	29	16/7	17/7	18/7	47	19/11	20/11	21/11
13	26/3	27/3	28/3	30	23/7	24/7	25/7	48	26/11	27/11	28/11
14	2/4	3/4	4/4	31	30/7	31/7	1/8	49	3/12	4/12	5/12
15	9/4	10/4	11/4	32	6/8	7/8	8/8	50	10/12	11/12	12/12
16	16/4	17/4	18/4	33	13/8	14/8	15/8	51	Check Holiday Certificates		
				34	20/8	21/8	22/8	52	Check Holiday Certificates		

## Owners' club nominations due soon

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Constitution, clause 10 (xii) page 4, nominations for election to the Committee of the Langdale Owners' Club should be sent to David Banks at Langdale by 1st July 1999.

Nominations should be in writing together with the name of the proposer and seconder plus a statement that the nominee is willing to stand.

## Annual General Meeting heads for Stratford

This year's owners' AGM will be held on 10th October at the four-star Stratford Manor Hotel at Stratford-on-Avon.

We have arranged a special rate to stay overnight the previous Saturday of £55 per person for bed & breakfast, and are in the process of arranging the social programme, which may include a trip to the theatre.

Owners who would like to make a weekend of the event can book their rooms direct with the

Stratford Manor on 01789 731173, quoting Langdale Leisure to obtain the special rate.

Please telephone Lynette Berry at Langdale on 015394 38002 to let us know who is coming so we can send further details of the social events and the hotel when available.

There will be the normal buffet lunch on the day of the AGM at a cost of £15 per person. To book, telephone Lynette on the above number.

## Special offer

**Free two-day B&B break at the Langdale Hotel**

for the person who books a conference package worth £4,000 or more

For further details call the Sales Office on 015394 38066

Break must be taken after date of conference

# Management Fees

The Management fees for the year commencing 1st May 1999 have been set as shown in the table below. This represents a 5% increase on the previous year as, following increases of below inflation in recent years, it is consid-

ered necessary because: Payroll costs are increasing faster than inflation - partly due to wage inflation being greater than the increase in the Retail Price Index and partly due to increases in staff lev-

els. As the lodges age they require a little more maintenance. The Management Company has requested an increase in its profits above inflation. Reserve Fund contributions increases continue to exceed inflation.

	LODGES				CHAPEL STILE			ELTERWATER	
	Grasmere	Coniston	W'mere	Ullswater	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	Hall/Barn	Cottage
Maintenance fee	145.80	170.96	179.70	192.60	115.23	145.99	164.52	192.60	170.96
Disbursements: rates	35.27	41.24	43.31	46.37	28.00	35.31	39.71	46.37	41.24
water	4.44	5.19	5.45	5.83	3.52	4.44	4.99	5.83	5.19
insurance	2.99	3.49	3.67	3.93	2.37	2.99	3.36	3.93	3.49
lodge cleaning	28.85	33.73	35.43	37.93	22.90	28.88	32.48	37.93	33.73
TV licence	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19
Reserve fund contribution	39.88	46.63	48.98	52.44	31.67	39.93	44.90	52.44	46.63
Total excluding VAT	260.42	304.43	319.73	342.29	206.88	260.73	293.15	342.29	304.43
VAT @ 17.5% on maintenance fee only	25.52	29.92	31.45	33.71	20.17	25.55	28.79	33.71	29.92
<b>Total management fee</b>	<b>285.94</b>	<b>334.35</b>	<b>351.18</b>	<b>376.00</b>	<b>227.05</b>	<b>286.28</b>	<b>321.94</b>	<b>376.00</b>	<b>334.35</b>
Last year's fee	272.32	318.43	334.46	358.09	216.23	272.65	306.61	358.09	318.43

### LODGE SWAPS 1999/2000

LANGDALE		3-BED — SLEEPS 8		MADEIRA			
Offered	Requested			1999			
1999				Week	Bedrooms	Sleeps	Wanted
<b>1-BED — SLEEPS 4</b>		1	Aug (99 or 2000)	25,26	1	4	36-38
20	26-34	21	22 (2 beds)	26	Studio	4	18-37
21	22	22	20	30	1	4	April-Sept.
21	22	26	Easter, mid-Aug, Xmas	32	1	4	21-38
21	22	28(CS)	School holidays (2 beds)	34,35	2	6	Summer hols
21	22 school summer holidays	28	31,33	38,39	Studio	4	June, July
28	22	31	34	42,43	1	4	35-43
36(EWC)	July, Aug.	36	29,30 (2 beds)	46	Studio	2	Sept, Oct, Nov.
42	July, Aug.	<b>2000</b>		48,49	Studio	2	Aug
<b>2-BED — SLEEPS 6</b>		<b>1-BED — SLEEPS 4</b>		50,51(Xmas)	2	6	July, Aug.
20	22-27	7	8	<b>2000</b>			
20	43, any	7(ECW)	School holidays	7	1	4	17-20
21(Forest Hills)	22	7(CS)	9	9	2		any
21	22,43	<b>2-BED — SLEEPS 6</b>		10	Studio	2	40-43
21	22,34,41,52,1	7	8,16,17,22,23,28-34,43	10,11	Studio	2	Aug.
21	33-35,43,1	7	8	13,14			Any
21	22	7	School holidays	28,29	1	4	18-35
21	43	8	9	48,49	Studio	2	Aug
21	43	10	School holidays				
21	any (3 beds)	14	29-32				
22(CS)	June	<b>CRAIGENDARROCH</b>					
23(CS)	37,38,39	<b>1999</b>		<b>Week</b>	<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Sleeps</b>	<b>Wanted</b>
27	30,31	21	2	6	6	52	
27	28-34	24	1	4	not school hols		
28	25(F)	26	3	8	29-34		
28	21	26	2	6	May, June, Sept.		
28	34,35	26	3	8	27,28,29		
29	Xmas	27	3	8	27 or near		
29	29-32 (Coniston - min, steps)	27	3	8	27,28,31,32		
32	43	27	3	8	29-32		
33	30-32 (3 beds)	27	2	6	42		
33	22	29	2	6	29,27		
34	24(W)	33	2	6	31-34		
35(CS)	22	34	2	6	30-34		
35(EH)	22	34	2	6	31-34		
36(EW)	31,34	34	2	6	34		
38	35,36	38	2	6	38		
39/40	42	39	2	6	39		
40	June, July, Aug.	41	1	4	27,40,41		
41	37,38	41	2	6	41		
41	42	41	2	6	37,38		
42	43	42	1	4	May, June, July		
42	school holidays	52	2	6	52,1		
42	end May, June	<b>2000</b>		12	1	4	20,48
42	43						
42	43						
43	26-34						
44(EH)	Aug. on						
45	21, any						
46(EH)	43,50						
47	48						

Please note: - all Madeira apartments change over on Mondays.  
 - the exchange with Four Seasons Fairways is no longer available.  
 - costs: internal - £25, others £50.

If you are interested in exchanging, contact Sheila Crouch on tel/fax 01661 823548.

Please note that the list of availability changes constantly.



# Walking weekends



Walking weekends at Langdale are a great way to make new friends while experiencing some of the best walks in the Lake District. Langdale walking party taking a breather. Photos: Tom Lawton.

The next Walking Weekend at Langdale, from 3rd to 5th September, will be hosted by David Fairs and guided by Tom Lawton and John White.

The programme includes walking the Kentmere Horseshoe, one of the best loved

circular walks in the Lake District. The second day involves a pleasant walk in the Langdale Valley ending conveniently at our own Wainwrights' Inn for an optional lunch.

The weekend includes a welcome reception, a slide presen-

tation on previous Langdale Walking Holidays, and two dinners in Purdey's. It costs £170 per person for two nights (two people sharing). Stay the third night (Sunday) for only £40 per person, B&B. To book, telephone FREEPHONE 0500 051197.

Wilfred Shaw, who was on our walking weekend in March, has written this grace to wine, walking and weather.

Let's thank the Lord  
for Lakes weekends,  
For food and wine,  
and walks with friends.  
We love to see  
the seasons run,  
From sparkling frost  
to bronzing sun.  
Though snow can melt  
and sun can pale,  
The Lord still reigns/rains  
in Great Langdale!



## Langdale Walking Holidays update



Annapurna Base Camp and Able Tasman, New Zealand.

In October Marcus Fairs led a group to the Annapurna Sanctuary in Nepal, which proved to be an exhilarating experience despite the unseasonal weather. Annapurna Base Camp, at 13,900ft was attained, and the stunning views of the surrounding peaks made the trials of the tough climb worthwhile.

Another, gentler trek in Nepal's Himalayan foothills is pencilled in for autumn 2001. This trek will take us through rolling farmland and beautiful villages away from the tourist track, while affording spectacular views of the Lamjung Himal.

In November we made our first visit to New Zealand and Fiji. This was very much enjoyed by everyone.

The Whirinaki Forest walk was helped by a helicopter ride into the campsite but the return journey through the rain forest took somewhat longer! Repeat visits to New Zealand are being arranged.

Another group has just re-

turned from Rajasthan, India, where they enjoyed a taste of opulence and luxury afforded by hotels that were once private palaces and castles belonging to the Maharajahs.

Andalucia in Spain is the latest new destination on our itinerary. Walking in Southern Spain, 18th-25th March 2000, offers guided walks into the Sierra Almijara, and visits to the Pueblos Blancos.

Based beside the sea at Nerja, we will be staying in privately-owned villas and dining out in local restaurants.

For further details of our programme call 015394 38002 (office hours) or 01539 735108 (other times). Alternatively fax your name and address to 015394 37394, or post to:  
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