

REGENCY



ELEGANCE

A Pen from the Glen

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL GLEN HOTEL • SIDMOUTH



The year 2015 saw Queen Elizabeth II become the longest reigning monarch in British History overtaking Queen Victoria's record. We like to enjoy our Royal connection because of the Duke and Duchess of Kent renting Woolbrook Cottage (as the Royal Glen was known then) in December 1819 with their baby daughter Princess Victoria; Queen Elizabeth's great great grandmother.

We completed the replacement of more windows; always an on-going heavy maintenance toil for us. Being grade I listed, we are under the strict scrutiny of English Heritage in replacing the windows in the present ornate wood patterns, even though they have not always been this intricate in the buildings history! The Restaurant had a make-over and new bathrooms were completed in rooms Anne and Princess, a major overhaul in the pool pump room; with the following scheduled this winter; Charles, Andrew, Edward, 11, 22 & Duke, and if this was not enough there will be outside painting, pool showers update and the front porch on the agenda. As always we are committed to keep updating without taking away the intrinsic character of a house that has stood the test of time so far and as custodians we could not see it stripped of its soul.



One of our new replacement windows





ANOTHER YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE GLEN
 (and the beautiful valley in which it sits). Visitors have enjoyed a wealth of activities, enjoyed the abundance of walks, taking time out in an area it is easy to relax and forget the fast pace of the world outside. We have met many interesting new Guests who have explored the area for the first time and welcomed many of you for the second, third or umpteenth time. Far too much information to go in our newsletter but a taste follows.

SEASONAL HOPPER BUS

If climbing out of the valley puts you off walking further afield; during the Summer the Hopper Bus is a free hop on, hop off mini bus sponsored by hotels and local businesses. The route goes up both Salcombe Hill and Peak Hill as far as Salcombe Regis and the Donkey Sanctuary and along the esplanade.

LOCAL WALKS NEAR SIDMOUTH

The South West Coastal Path is well known, but there is an extensive choice of other walks in land from Sidmouth and all across Devon opening up a phenomenal choice; whether walking is your passion or it is discovering geology, conservation, wildlife habitats, bird watching we have it all within the Jurassic coast, East Devon Way, East Devon Pebblebed Heaths, Two Moors , Aylesbeare Common & Bystock Reserve to name a few.

THE RETURN OF THE RED ARROWS

The Red Arrows made a return after a number of years for a display over The Bay, unfortunately due to low cloud the show was cut short but still managed to wow the crowds. The Red Arrows is all the more dramatic as they spectacularly arrive in front of the crowds without any sound as their entrance is hidden behind the cliffs until the last moment. Everyone is hoping it becomes an annual event once more.

CRICKET AT THE FORTFIELD

Sidmouth was once again the beautiful back drop for county matches; 2014 Captain Joshua Bess was absent working (and playing down under) but younger brother Zak filled the space on the team and bowled well earning Devon Player of the Year. Cornwall v Devon match 16-18 August, other 1 day matches have not been set; please telephone us for updates or visit our website.



JEAN CRANE

We are sorry to tell you of our loss this June of Jean Crane. In 1957 Orson and Jean came from Essex to learn the business from Jane & Harold Crane who wanted to retire. Their backgrounds were Ford Motor Company & Foyles, Charing Cross respectively. Jane found in them the family to continue the Hotel on after her, her mother; and 2 aunts before that. Vivienne and I have been at the helm now

for a number of years and take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of staff for all their hard work and loyalty. A special thank you to Judith Grimshaw who is taking full retirement this year after 22 years, and we know many of our Guests will join us in wishing Judith and Robert the very best.

CLASSIC CARS ON SHOW

The family's 1935 Morris 8 Open Tourer appeared at two local events this year. A small parade at the Blue Ball Sidford raises money for RNLI and the much larger Chamber of Commerce Classic Car event at the Fortfield was a great success with over 300 cars basking in the most perfect conditions. This takes place late in September after the hallowed square has been put to bed.



LOCAL ETHICALLY-SOURCED PRODUCE

At the Royal Glen we are proud to use local ethically sourced produce for our menus. We have enjoyed exceptional quality fresh fish from our local supplier Sidmouth Trawlers. Ian our Head Chef is informed daily on what is available and chooses to prepare most of the fish dishes simply. Other exceptional Devon produce includes local wildshot game provided by M C Kelly of Copplestone where meat is sourced from local farms. Dart Fresh supply us with all our fruit and vegetables, growing much of the seasonal veg on their farm in Topsham. Ian has chosen some of our Guests' most popular choices:

*Roast Fillet of Locally Wild Shot Venison
served pink & carved over a rich port wine & juniper jus*

*Pan Fried Fillet of Locally Landed Sea Trout
drizzled with a lemon & saffron dressing*

*Grilled Fillet of Local Landed Lemon Sole
simply served with a lemon & caper beurre noisette*

*Pan Fried Local Free range Chicken Supreme
in a white wine onion, wild mushroom & pancetta sauce*

*Duck A L'Orange
a Gressingham duck breast slow cooked in a rich
orange & brandy sauce*

No meal would be complete without a delicious dessert; the Crème Brulee is to die for, so smooth and creamy with that crispy caramelised sugar top, sticky wicky warm Treacle Tart with a gurt dollop of Devon Clotted Cream! For those with not such a sweet tooth, we are so fortunate to have a wide variety of local county cheeses such as Devon Blue Ticklemore, Quikes Vintage Cheddar, Traditional Curworthy and Sharpham Soft. You can't come to Devon without having a cream tea and there is nowhere better than sitting out on the veranda at the Glen looking down towards the sea.



DON'T FORGET YOUR COSSIES!

So many times people forget their swim wear or don't realise we have a lovely pool to relax in or gently exercise. The 'Royal Retreat' Therapy room continues to relax and rejuvenate and Susan is expanding her complementary treatments. Here are just a selection...

Power Massage (1 - 1 1/2 hours) <i>A deep therapeutic massage targeting aches & pains</i>	£45 - £55
Aromatherapy Massage (1 - 1 1/2 hours) <i>Slow, light pressure using organic oil blends</i>	£45 - £55
Back & Shoulder (30 - 40 minutes) <i>Firm pressure to back of neck & shoulder massage</i>	£30
Reflexology (1 hour) <i>Inc. full leg & foot massage. Improves circulation</i>	£45
Eyebrow Tint & Shape (45 minutes)	£25
Pamper Day <i>Made to measure inclusive of swim</i>	£100

WHAT HAPPENED TO QUEEN VICTORIA'S BED?

A fascinating anecdote told as remembered by a 101 year old Sidmouth lady (now 104) who as a child living locally on a farm when the contents of Woolbrook Cottage were sold when refurbished. *'Father bought the bed she had slept in & the drapes which went around the bed. They were kept in one of the bedrooms where no one slept. Mother dried the walnuts & stored the Coxes Orange Pippins in that room. I remember she brought them down in her apron on Christmas day. When we moved away in 1921, there was an auction at the farm held by Husseys of Honiton. So many people came to see the bed, the floor started to give way & so they had to go outside & everything was passed out through the window. I can't remember how much the bed sold for but the curtains that went round the bed were four times more.'*

The Sidmouth Memory cafe has made a publication of stories that individuals have told as part of a way of stimulating the memory and confidence; it has become an amazing piece of social history.

LITERARY FESTIVAL

The First Literary Festival, was a huge success and we look forward to sponsoring next years 9th/10th June, we hope to have a book signing at the Glen.

SEASONS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to wish all our Glen family which extends to all our Guests 'Seasons Greetings and A Very Healthy Happy New Year'. Our loyal and dedicated team look forward to welcoming you all and assure first time guests of our attention to make their visit the first of many; with best wishes Hilary, Vivienne and families and staff.

Reception will be open 9 – 2pm during December and 9 – 4 pm in January and February, at other times the telephone will be redirected to Vivienne, Luke or Hilary, or should you reach the answer machine, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Online booking is available on our OWN website giving a variety of tariff options. However we will be pleased to hear from you personally as we know the majority of our Guests returning like to reserve particular rooms, and we like to make first time Guests' needs and requirements are matched with individual rooms. If you choose to make a reservation via an agent such as Booking.com standard Bed & Breakfast will apply with no specific room allocation and no special deals are available.

TARIFF 2016 SPECIALS

Early Bird Reservations:

Make your booking direct with us in January and receive a complementary cream tea per person.

Half Term Holidays. Children Age 15 and under sharing with 2 adults Bed and Breakfast includes children's meal of daily roast, fruit juice and ice cream. (Other terms apply)

Activity Breaks tailored for your interest, and available at times using local events, if you want help planning your visit or wish to take part in an organised or escorted event please telephone reception who can send details or look on our website for further details of these. These will include Jurassic, History days, Science, Golf, Cricket, Rugby, Escorted walks, and Cycling routes.

Group Rates are available in March, April, May and October and best prices are dependant on minimum numbers, weekend or weekdays. We can cater from 20 to 55 approximately and welcome bridge players, walkers, history enthusiasts, golfers (4 courses within 10 miles), cricketers or family gatherings to name but a few. We do not accept large coach companies.

ANNUAL EVENTS

May: Donkey Week, Devon County Show
 June: Literary Festival, Manor Pavilion Theatre Rep Season
 August: Folk Festival, Red Arrows, Regatta Weekend
 September: Walking Festival
 October: Science Week

N.B. Our website has a comprehensive list of important dates, and is updated weekly



TARIFF 2016

FEBRUARY 25TH - MARCH 24TH 23RD OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Prices per person per night

	Superior	Standard	Selected
2 or more nights (DB&B)	£84.00	£78.00	£73.00
2 or more nights (B&B)	£63.00	£57.00	£48.00
1 night (B&B)	£65.00	£60.00	£50.00

Winter Special: Feb 25th - Mar 24th: 4 nights for 3 daily rate DBB. (Saturdays not included)

Oct 23rd - Nov 7th: 4 nights for 3 daily rate DBB

MARCH 25TH - MAY 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 25TH - OCTOBER 22ND

Prices are per person per night

	Superior	Standard	Selected
Weekly (DB&B)	£588 (£84)	£560 (£80)	£525 (£75)
2 or more nights (DB&B)	£92.00	£85.00	£78.00
2 or more nights (B&B)	£72.00	£65.00	£59.00
1 night (B&B)	£75.00	£68.00	£62.00

Spring Special: 28th March - 29th Apr: 4 nights for 3 daily rate DBB.

Autumn Special: 2nd - 21st October: 4 nights for 3 daily rate DBB (Saturdays not included)

SUMMER TARIFF

MAY 28TH - SEPTEMBER 24TH

Prices are per person per night

	Superior	Standard	Selected
Weekly (DB&B)	£623 (£89)	£588 (£84)	£539 (£77)
2 or more nights (DB&B)	£98.00	£89.00	£83.00
2 or more nights (B&B)	£77.00	£68.00	£62.00
1 night (B&B)	£82.00	£75.00	£67.00

All terms are per person inclusive of VAT at 20%



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