

Newsletter Date:
March 11 - Issue 4

GLARAMARA NEWS

Features in this Edition:

- Environment Gold Award
- Weekend break ideas
- Meet our Management

Index:

- Page 2 – Weekend Ideas
- Page 3 & 4 – Recent & Forthcoming Events
- Page 5 – Glaramara – its people
- Page 6 – Our Website/Videos
- + Special Interest Breaks

Environmental Gold Award



We are pleased to announce that Glaramara has been successful in achieving its **Gold Award** through Cumbria Business Environment Network (CBEN). In two years we have progressed from having no recognition to achieving Bronze, Silver then Gold Award. We will now consider

national schemes as we attempt to become ever more efficient. Gold status means we must monitor and audit on a regular basis across many areas of our business. Particular thanks goes to Dave Harris-Jones of CBEN who has been instrumental in our achievement. We would recommend CBEN to other local businesses



New dining room extension and outside terrace

Our extended dining room has been completed. This will allow additional seating of 18 and will give diners more room to enjoy their meals. With floor to ceiling glass features, the room is now much lighter. A larger terrace, partly covered, provides a much

needed outside seating area for relaxing with a 'cuppa' or a drink whilst taking in the views of the surrounding mountains. The locally-sourced, stone crafted walls were undertaken by Borrowdale craftsmen and the whole project was undertaken by local contractors.



Family Friendly Camping Trips – Summer 2011



The Lake District must be one of the best camping destinations in the UK. We offer fully supported trips of up to 5 days. Using our Activity Store as a starting point four nights are spent under canvas in different campsites in the National Park. Tents and cooking equipment are provided and transported by

allowing a lightweight walk over the mountains between campsites. Cooking and eating takes place under cover. Other Activities can be undertaken along the way – including Ghyll Scrambling and Rock Climbing. In favorable conditions we can summit **Scafell Pike**, the highest mountain in England before returning to Glaramara Centre

having circumnavigated the Central Lakeland Fells. *Please contact us if you would like more information on this and on wild camping trips which we run*

some outdoor activities with your stay?

More information and contact details at

Borrowdale Yurts - get close to nature with a bit of luxury

Saran means ‘moon’ and **Altan** means ‘gold’ in Mongolian and are the names of a newly established Mongolian yurts at **Seatoller Farm Campsite**, close to Glaramara. Each yurt sleeps up to **5 people with** a double bed and two single daybeds which double as sofas together with space for a camping mattress.

Stylishly and comfortably furnished the yurts contain wood burning stoves, rugs, hangings, solar powered lights and a fully equipped kitchen area with gas hob and grill. Bedding ,towels , firewood gas. tea, ground coffee, milk, juice and biscuits will all be all available on arrival. Why not combine

some outdoor activities with your stay?

More information and contact details at

<http://www.lakesyurts.co.uk/>



A surprise 40th Birthday party

One of our suppliers came to Glaramara in 2009 and he was so taken Glaramara and its setting that he booked the venue for his wife's 40th Birthday party – scheduled for 2011! So, family and friends from all over the UK (and overseas)

booked in for a winter weekend . The 'birthday girl', Susie, and her guests celebrated the occasion in style – with plenty of food, drink and dancing as well as a walk up Scafell Pike. Thanks to Jonathan for booking the party

at Glaramara. If you are looking for assistance with wireless based heating installations please contact: jf@heatsavetechnology.com



Winter sports in Chamonix



French resort of Chamonix as well as engaging in various tasks as part of the course itinerary. Feedback from both staff and students has been very positive.



Glaramara organised a week long visit to France for a group of Adventure Tourism students in February. Accompanied by our activities manager, Graham Derbyshire, and Instructor, Tom Ambrose, the group undertook various winter sports in the

If you feel Glaramara could assist you and your group in arranging a winter residential in the UK or overseas for 2011/12 please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Caving in the Yorkshire Dales



A group of Adventure Tourism students recently took part in a caving expedition to the White Scar complex. The descent began in the upper reaches of **Borrins Moor** before moving on to parts of **Upper Long Churn**.

Wading through fast flowing water was accompanied by crawling and squeezing through some rather narrow gaps! As well as advice on the technical requirements, the group were given a geological tour of the system. Whilst

not reaching the lower system including **Alum Pots** and the ‘**Cheesepress**’, the group ‘were acquainted with ‘**Doctor Bannisters Handbasin**’.

Reaction to the caving experience was very positive from everyone

Please contact us if you would like to go Caving

Glaramara Fell Race 2011



Well, it’s getting to that time of year again. For all you budding fell runners, it’s time to get out the running kit and get training! One of the shorter fell races in the calendar (5m), it takes place on **22 May**,

commencing at 1.00pm.

Organised by Borrowdale Fell Entry is only £3. See if you can beat the course record of 44 mins! Dinner, Bed& Breakfast available at Glaramara. For

more information on the mountain <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glaramara>. For more information on entering; <http://www.borrowdale-fell-runners.org>

WATER CONFERENCE



Glaramara is hosting an event on 7th August, titled ‘**Better Water Better Life**’. This is an exciting project involving young adults from **Russia, Turkey, Italy and Malta**, as well as a contingent from West Cumbria. Organised by the Yorkshire charity, Go Away and Learn, the project has gained support from **Lakes College, the National Trust, Nurture**

Lakeland, as well as pledges from local business and individuals. We are hoping to gain more support, financially or otherwise, especially to allow more less advantaged students from West Cumbria to come. If you know of anyone or an organisation who you think may be interested

Please contact us for more information or look at www.bwbl.co.uk



The Boss Man

Anyone who has visited Glaramara or had any involvement with it, will almost certainly have had contact with **David Oglethorpe**. As a founder of the business in 2000, he has dedicated the last 10 years to the development of Glaramara. From its beginnings as hostel style accommodation, he has dictated the

direction of the business so that it now has an established name not only as a favoured holiday destination but also as a well respected provider of a whole host of outdoor activities.

David was born and bred in Keswick and after spending his early working life in West Cumbria as a management accountant in

Industry, he spent a short period working in Kelso in a similar role.

What limited spare time he gets, David likes to get out walking on the fells. His favourite short walk is Latrigg, the fell which overlooks Keswick. We think he is going for the record of most ascents!

Further afield, David is a regular

Visitor to Australia, where he has family and friends,



David Oglethorpe

‘PLEASE NOTE THAT GIFT VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE BOTH FOR OUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMMODATION. SO IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO GIVE SOMEBODY A TREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE

The ‘welcoming face’ of Glaramara

Many of you will know **Trish Dixon**, one of our duty managers. Often, the first point of contact for guests arriving at Glaramara, Trish offers efficiency, organisational skills and customer care in abundance. She is keen on developing our

shop and is the person behind our merchandising. She also looks after a whole variety of staffing issues including recruitment and training. Having grown up in Stoke on Trent, Trish moved with her family to the Lake District some years ago. She

joined Glaramara in 2005.

Married to Nigel, with 4 children, Trish manages to juggle her hectic work life with bringing up a family. Living close by in the village of Rosthwaite, Trish is unofficially ‘on-call’ day and night in case of emergency – something which she loves!



Trish Dixon



GlaraMara

upload your GlaraMara pictures on flickr®

**Admontes Limited
Glaramara
Seatoller
Borrowdale
Keswick
CA12 5XQ**

**PHONE:
017687 77222**

**FAX:
017687 77198**

**E-MAIL:
info@glaramara.co.uk**

**We're on the
Web!
at:
www.glaramara
.co.uk**



REDESIGNED WEBSITE/YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Check out our revamped website. We continue to add items to our Youtube channel Go to

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GlaramaraOutdoors>

anything to say about Glaramara or just generally want to engage with other like minded people, please:



or **tweet us**. Similarly, if you have any photographs which you feel our Flickr page would benefit from please upload.



Events in 2011 at Glaramara

GPS & Digital Map Courses - whether you are a complete novice just thinking that GPS may be a useful navigational tool, someone who has never managed to get to grips with the technology, or a GPS user who just wants to learn more, our residential courses should suit you. **Try either GPS for beginners or Hillwalking with GPS - £195 pp. – 9th September + 11th November**

Wine, Food and Guided Walk Weekend with a professional experienced wine educator. It is aimed at those with only a limited appreciation of wine and will also feature walking under the supervision of our Outdoor Instructors – **price on request**

Borrowdale's Industrial Heritage Revealed in partnership with Honister Slate Mine, this weekend involves visits to both the Plumbago wad mine at Seathwaite and the Slate Mine at Honister as well as presentations from local experts combined with winter guided walks. - **£195 pp**

We have not set dates for either of these Events but if you are a group organiser and feel they may be of interest, please contact us for more details.

Activity Schedule – we have released dates for **April**. Each activity session will be on a first come, first served basis so don't hang around! There will be a range of activities on offer including ghyll scrambles, Via Ferrata and high level walking. Details on the website. **AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE**

Hire our Training Suite –, the facility is wi-fi enabled and is suitable for teaching and training as well as providing a venue, with a difference, for meetings, presentations and discussion groups. **Contact us for more details.**

Please see the **Venue Hire page** on our website for examples of what the Glaramara Centre can do for you. **From Wedding Receptions to Birthday Parties to Business Meetings.**