



# Thurnham Hall

## Owners' Club Newsletter

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Another winter has now passed and I am sure you are all looking forward to hopefully having some better weather this summer. Many people are making the decision to take their holidays closer to home this year due to the price of flights and the current value of the pound against the euro. This makes the value of your week at Thurnham even more attractive both in usage terms or in exchange terms. There is no price increase for school holidays although availability is understandably more limited. If you want to venture further overseas, with clever use of exchange options you can get 2 weeks away for the price of one weeks management fee at Thurnham.

Come along to the owners club forum and discuss this, and other issues, with other Thurnham owners like yourselves. There is often good advice handed out by seasoned and happy timeshare owners plus you can get great ideas on where the best bargain holiday locations are to be had. Ask the questions – you might be surprised at the responses. It is, after all, an owners forum for owners like yourselves.

It would be great to see lots of you at the AGM this year. It is on a Sunday so why not make a weekend out of it? It is a great time of year to visit the North West – with Blackpool and the Lake District just around the corner. If you cannot attend the AGM then please return your proxy form now as your vote is important.

Have a great summer and see you in Morecambe at the AGM!

Best Wishes

Pippa Wilson – Thurnham Owners Club Committee

### Restaurant Under New Franchise

Walling Ltd are now operating the restaurant at Thurnham and Mike Woolfall is the new Head Chef. The menus look excellent and include a full Lancashire menu using local produce. It would be great if any owners who visit the hall, give their feedback on the food via the forum pages.

### Gala Dinner a Success

The very first Thurnham Owners Gala dinner was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January and I think that most will agree it was a great success. Attendees had had been able to book & pay for their tickets and select their food online.

There were 40 guests in all which meant that we were able to all dine together in the library followed by dancing in the great hall. It was a great chance for owners to meet the committee, meet friends old and new and also to get to know other owners and share holiday stories.

As with any new venture – there were teething problems on the night but those who attended all said that they enjoyed the evening so hopefully it will become a regular event. There were photographs taken on the night by Sarah Regan from the hall, and these can be viewed at [http://web.thurnhamhall.com/Pages/gallery/2009\\_gala\\_dinner.php](http://web.thurnhamhall.com/Pages/gallery/2009_gala_dinner.php)

Many thanks to the staff at the hall as well as those who helped make the evening a great success.



Ian and former head receptionist Gaye Hayes – Your committee representatives, Ian, Pippa & Fred

## AGM

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Thurnham Owners Club will be held on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. We have reverted back to a weekend date as the numbers reduced when the meeting was held during the week. This year it is to be held in Morecambe at the Midland Hotel and will start at 2.30pm. All resumes for nomination for a committee position should have already been submitted to Teri Jackson on [Teri.Jackson@diamondresorts.com](mailto:Teri.Jackson@diamondresorts.com)

## Roof Restoration Project

Work on the roof continues but there is light at the end of the tunnel and the scaffolding should be down soon. Roof works are on time despite Lancaster council causing an initial 5 week delay and we are below our already revised lower budget which is great news.

However, there are some additional problems that have been uncovered with the render and pointing to the main stonework. Surveyors have confirmed that it is in a poor state and was just crumbling away potentially causing ingress of water and all the problems that would bring. This essential maintenance would need to be carried out within the next couple of years.

It seemed a sensible decision therefore to allow this work to be done now whilst the costly scaffolding is already in place.

## Refurbishment Program

Diamond Resorts International ® have introduced their new linens and fabrics which will be included as part of the unit refurbishment program at all their resorts. The design standardises the look and will become symbolic with staying at one of their resorts. Hopefully there will be some samples and designs of the materials for you to see at the AGM. The quality of the fabrics and colour schemes that are being used look wonderful.

## Owners' Forum

There is an online forum where owners can chat with other owners. If you register on the forum then you will be kept up-to-date with information about Thurnham, such as AGM dates, special events at the hall etc. You can also ask questions which may be answered by other owners or committee members. By reading other people's questions you may find out the answers you were looking for!

The address is <http://forum.thurnhamhall.com/index.php>

If you have forgotten your username or password please e-mail [admin@thurnhamhall.com](mailto:admin@thurnhamhall.com) and we will reset it for you.

## Nightly Rentals

Thurnham Owners can book nightly rental at any of the properties in The Club (DRI points members). It is a minimum 2 night rental (unless you are adding extra nights onto an existing booking).

This offer is to all Thurnham Owners whether Fixed or floating and the prices per night are as follows;

Studio - £39

1 Bed - £49

2 Bed - £59

3 Bed - £69

All inventory for Bonus Time rentals is subject to availability.

Call: 0800 358 69 91

Email: [bonustime@diamondresorts.com](mailto:bonustime@diamondresorts.com)

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### Q&A

To ask find out more or discuss anything that you read in this newsletter or anything else to do with Thurnham Hall, your membership or timeshare in general – please post on the Thurnham Hall Forum and talk to your fellow owners.  
<http://forum.thurnhamhall.com/index.php>

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