

Langley Castle Newsletter

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Langley Castle's newsletter.

We will periodically keep you up to date with all that is Langley Castle: the improvements, the offers, the stories and tips from the staff and other guests.

Busy year: Last year was an excellent year at Langley Castle, hosting over 200 weddings with 17,000 guests, feeding 17,500 diners in the Josephine restaurant and accommodating over 8,500 residents through the year.

Happy Birthday "Langley Castle Hotel"

March 2006 is a month full of wonderful birthday events to celebrate at Langley Castle, including ...

20th Anniversary of Langley Castle: March 1986 is an important date – the date that Langley Castle, under its present owner Dr. Stuart Madnick, became a hotel. During the last 20 years, the castle has undergone extensive renovation, both inside and out, making it one of the finest places to stay in the North East of England.

10th Anniversary of CastleView: In March of 1996, one of these major renovations was the opening of CastleView, in a Grade 1 listed building on the Castle grounds, which provided eight additional luxury rooms.



Award winning year: We were awarded the White Ribbon for Excellence, for the second time in two years, by the RAC – one of a handful awarded in the UK.

Langley was also the runner up to Seaham Hall for the Pride of Northumbria "Best Small Hotel in the North 2005" award. Langley did win this prestigious award in 2004 and previously in 2002. ... Who knows what 2006 will bring.

Keeping in touch: If you know of others that would be interested in receiving the Langley Newsletter, please send an email to manager@langleycastle.com

Langley's newest arrival: The Tower Room:

Just over two years have passed since the concept of a new bedroom in the West Turret was discussed. After many months of planning to make the best use of space, construction was started in June 2005 and the Tower Room was recently completed (*see photo below*).



The room is located at the top of the West Tower (*see photo at top of page*), beyond the previous end of the main staircase. The staircase has been extended up to the roof level and carefully integrated with the existing stairs to give the look and feel that it has always been there. The room features an open four poster bed, real flame fireplace, and flat screen television and is gaining many fans already.

The Tower Room is priced at £209 per day for two persons (with breakfast), or £219 (with both breakfast and dinner) if you stay for two nights or longer. For bookings, call Reservations on 01434 688888.

Forthcoming birthdate of CastleView Phase 2:

Langley hopes to add another date to celebrate by establishing a new milestone: a ground breaking ceremony for the CastleView Phase 2, currently in the final stages of Planning approval. A 3D image (on previous page) illustrates its location and expected appearance. It will provide eight additional CastleView rooms – including four extra-large and luxurious Deluxe CastleView rooms.

Forthcoming rebirth of Langley Chapel: Another exciting renovation event is also underway – with an anticipated completion date in March 2006. The Langley chapel, located in the South roof level turret (see photo at top of first page) will be restored to its former glory after almost a century of disrepair (see picture below of its current state.)



The Chapel was the final part of the Langley Castle restoration that was started during the late 1800's. The work was begun by Cadwallader Bates and completed under the supervision of his wife, Josephine Bates, after he died in March 18, 1902. The Chapel was dedicated in his memory.

The Chapel includes stained glass windows featuring Saints Cadwallader and Josephat, no doubt chosen for their names, and the Blessed Thomas Percy, a descendent of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, who owned Langley Castle at the time of its great fire of 1405.

The Chapel was completed in 1914 and was used until Josephine's death in 1932. It has been left untouched until now. Specialists are being brought in to bring it back to its former life.

Plans to hold Wedding blessings in the chapel have been discussed with clergy from the parish.

Long Service Awards

20 years or more
Elaine Robinson (20 years)

15 years or more
Anton Phillips (15 years)

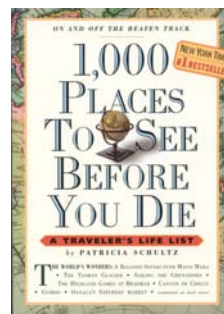
10 years or more
Robert Rutherford (12 years), Fiona Thompson (11 years), Noel Barker (10 years)

5 years or more
Lorraine Findlay (9 years), Julie Kerrigan (9 years), Celia Sanderson (9 years), Andrew Smith (8 years), Thomas Fletcher (8 years), Iain Gillespy (6 years), Matthew Wilson (6 years), Claire Marshall (5 years)

Langley in the News

1,000 Places to See Before You Die

Langley Castle was featured in this award-winning book. It notes that "Langley is a pocket of contemporary luxury dressed in medieval clothes." If you have been to Langley, you have only 999 more places to see.



Hot Hotels: A television star is born – Langley Castle

There is a new television lifestyle series: "Hot Hotels" tells the stories behind some of the country's leading hospitality hotspots, all in the North East. The first episode, on Tyne Tees Television at 7:30 PM on June 28, 2005, featured Langley Castle. "It's a glossy, glamorous series with exclusive, luxury hotels," explained Producer Wendy Homewood. Little did Josephine Kime (left) know when she turned up at Tyne Tees for her first day of work, that she (and Langley) would end up being their latest stars. There are plans to syndicate the "Hot Hotels" series, so watch for it on your television. So what is next for Langley Castle? – Hollywood maybe.



More ..

If you come across an article mentioning Langley Castle and are the first to notify us by phone, fax, or email (and then send a copy of the article), you will receive a wonderful Langley Castle souvenir.

Loyalty Plus

Langley Castle's "Loyalty Plus" card is in its second year. Membership is free and all are welcome to join. The scheme gives loyalty points whenever you dine in our Josephine restaurant or have coffee or light lunch in the magnificent Drawing Room. Points can be redeemed for coffees and teas, bottles of wine, meals in the restaurant, and overnight accommodation. For further information or for an application form, simply send an email to loyalty@langleycastle.com or call for information.