



The new Kibberick Suite



A sea view from the new Polcreek Suite

Winter Refurbishment

Given the pessimistic financial forecast and the prospect of a quiet winter we took the opportunity in January and February to close the hotel and do away with the original standard sea view rooms above the cocktail bar.

This allowed for improved bathrooms with large walk in showers, larger bedrooms and three comfortable suites to be formed. Each have been named after local landmarks and are now popular spacious suites with stunning sea views. After all is there such a thing as a "standard sea view" at The Nare?

Included in the list of "while we're closed" jobs were the replacement of all the dining room windows, a thorough refurbishment of the indoor pool and shower areas with fresh mosaics and a new sauna, and a renovation of the cottage to create The Lemoria Suite.

The builders worked all hours through some challenging winter weather to enable the hotel to re-open on schedule on the 1st March, aided by an enthusiastic army of hotel staff. Many hands made light work and some lovely sea view rooms and suites were created.

This autumn some further gentle re-decorating will continue to progress quietly in some bedrooms and a few necessary improvements behind the scenes will be implemented in January. The Nare of course remains open throughout the year.

New Brochure and Website



The new brochure and the new website were launched last year. Many guests, and prospective guests, have commented enthusiastically on the superior quality of the design, graphics and the truthful representation of the hotel. The website has taken The Nare a leap forward in online communication and its flexibility has been an enormous benefit with the ease in which it can be updated. If you have not yet seen our new brochure please ask for one to be sent, or simply order a copy from the website (www.narehotel.co.uk).



Christmas and New Year

The Nare is a cosy, comfortable choice during the winter months but especially so over the festive period. Many guests have booked from last year, however at the time of writing, there are only a couple of rooms available for Christmas and a few rooms for New Year. If you would like a copy of the Christmas and New Year programme please ask for one to be sent (01872 501111) or check our website for details (www.narehotel.co.uk).

Present Finder

Frivolity was the order of the day for some summer family fun in and around the hotel and its grounds as The Nare hosted a photo shoot for the new Present Finder catalogue which involved family, friends and staff modelling gifts and gadgets. The iconic "Digger the dog" dug Karl's lawn and Toby's young daughters bounce-tested the family size hammock. Whilst Ken, head barman, poured drinks into wonky glasses Michael, senior porter, found it a doddle lighting the drawing room fire (yes in July!) with the super Grenadier firelighter.

This really is the Father Christmas of all catalogues and such a joy to find suitable presents for all ages. As a bit of fun we are offering a prize of a bottle of Taittinger for the first guest who can spot in the catalogue at least 24 presents photographed at The Nare. Quick clues: www.narehotel.co.uk/presentfinder or www.presentfinder.co.uk



Some excuses to visit The Nare...



Bridge Breaks

The Nare's Friendly Rubber Bridge Breaks are set to take place between Monday 16th and 20th November 2009 and 8th to 12th of February 2010. Sally Hooper, who is both very personable and charming, will be the hostess for both breaks and will be joined by Margaret Warner, a county player, to help those who wish for some gentle guidance and advice in a morning tutorial with the chance to ask a quiet question or two.

Garden Visits

As usual, we will be running our popular Spring Garden Breaks again from next February, with a greater choice of gardens than ever. We are now supporting many of our local but less well known gardens like Poppy Cottage, Penjerrick, Carwinion and Lamorran, as well as favourites like Eden and Heligan.

Roseland Music Festival

The Nare is once again proud to sponsor this year's Roseland Music Festival, taking place between 17th and 31st October.

This year, we are delighted to be hosts for the final evening's entertainment and welcome Celticana String Quartet, an exciting, innovative and entertaining ensemble with a huge breadth of experience and a versatility that is rarely found in a classical group today. The four girls, all born in Wales, formed their quartet 10 years ago and their accolades include BBC Songs of Praise, BBC Proms in the Park, festivals throughout Europe and many events for Classic FM.

Wine Tastings On Fridays

During the quieter winter months The Nare runs informal relaxed wine tastings on some Friday evenings before dinner. Guest speakers from the wine trade talk on wines they are passionate about and the evening is kept low key. For more details phone 01872 501111 or check our website www.narehotel.co.uk. There is no need to book in advance. All guests staying are invited with the only qualification being they should enjoy a glass of wine.



The Nare's AA Award



The Nare is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious accolade of four red stars by the AA, which recognises The Nare as the only hotel in Cornwall ever to achieve this appointment. It reinforces The Nare's status (by a clear margin) as the highest rated hotel in Cornwall for over 15 years. It was first appointed four black (entry level) stars soon after its acquisition by Mrs Gray in 1989 and over recent years Toby Ashworth and his close-knit team have been steadily improving the facilities, comfort and standards of service on which the AA judge their ratings.

There have been some interesting discussions as to whether or not a five star status was appropriate however Toby is adamant that the ambience of the homely country house style should not be compromised, and so is proud to accept the more appropriate appointment to four red stars.

He says "It is a timely and worthy credit for all our loyal staff who strive each day to make The Nare the friendly comfortable hotel for which it has become renowned – this is for them and I am delighted!"

Each year the AA selects only the very best hotels in each category rating and from this the AA Inspectors' Choice hotels are identified by red stars. The Nare joins a select few in the West Country with only one other hotel in Devon and four in Somerset currently sporting 4 red stars.



Book Launch

Last December saw the launch of Bettye Gray's new book, "Oh get on!" in which she recalls 100 years of Cornwall's holiday scene and how one family (her own) helped to shape it. The book is selling really well and is available from The Nare. She is pictured here at the launch with two of her grandsons and her grand daughters-in-law.

The Nare Diary

Falmouth Oyster Festival – Friday 16th October

Celtiana String Quartet – Saturday 31st October

Bridge Break – Monday - Friday, 16th - 20th November, 8th - 12th February

Wine Tastings on Friday Evenings

Fridays 6th, 27th November, 11th December, 15th & 29th January, 12th & 26th February

Backgammon Charity Day in aid of The Merlin Project

Thursday 26th November. All comers welcome

Fat Stock Show on Lemon Quay – Wednesday 2nd December sponsored by The Nare

General Sir Richard Trant Charity Bridge Day

In aid of the Victoria County History of Cornwall society – Thursday 4th February

Trewithen Garden Private Visits – Thursday 25th March, Fridays 9th, 16th & 23rd April



Carne Bay Spa

The Spa has benefited from its previous years refurbishment and has proved more popular than ever this year, so much so that Anne has recruited two additional pairs of healing hands to assist her. We are once again running our "Get Away From It All" breaks from November through until the end of April, so one can escape the winter and chill of early spring and indulge in a few days of pampering. Choose from la Stone Therapy, a full body massage, a back, neck and shoulder massage, facial, stress buster or reflexology. Two of these one-hour treatments are included in the break, along with dinner, room and breakfast, and an indulgent afternoon Cornish cream tea!

To book telephone: 01872 500 002 Email: spa@narehotel.co.uk

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AA Award
The Nare gains 4 Red Stars
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The view from The Lemoria Suite

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The Nare

Dear Friends,

As I write The Nare basks in a warm pleasant September sun of an Indian summer – a delightful end to an otherwise uncharacteristic period of unpredictable summer weather. Having said that there have been some cherished moments such as a memorable July day when the Nare hosted a photo shoot for the new Present Finder catalogue, and when the AA inspector paid an un-announced visit to reconsider our grading. I am pleased to say the hotel was in good form on both days, the latter necessitating a worthwhile visit to the London awards ceremony. So please read on for our exciting news!



In the last newsletter I mentioned that we were due to undertake some heavy refurbishment during the winter. So in January and February we closed for the first time this century and gutted eight bedrooms in the old part of the hotel. It all went to plan and the builders finished bang on time leaving us some fabulous new suites.

Of course this year we continue The Nare Traditional Four Day breaks from November through to March with our programme of "Excuses to visit The Nare". If ever an excuse was needed to relax and be pampered I am sure you will find one overleaf. To start off The Nare series of Friday evening wine tastings I am delighted to welcome back on 6th November their Ambassador de Champagne Justin Llewelyn to present an "Evening of Taittinger".

Toby Ashworth, Proprietor