



**MGOC Inter-Regional Event
Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel
27-30th April 2012**

**To Be Known As
"WENLOCK' S WEEKEND"
with
"MANDEVILLE MADNESS"**



EVENT BOOKLET

Please retain for your information



The Event – MG Cricket St Thomas 2012

This event, held bi-annually at the Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel in Chard, Somerset, is hosted by the Southern Regional Secretaries of the MG Owners Club (MGOC), and is an opportunity for like-minded individuals to get together.

Now in its 4th season, it has fondly become known as MG CST. With theming of the event on each occasion now considered obligatory, the Committee has decided to take the OLYMPICS as the 2012 theme, not least because the Olympic Games are to be held in the UK during that summer.

The final programme is some way off being finalised, however, we can assure you that the general format will be similar to previous years, for those that are regulars, with the opportunity to do as much, or as little, as you want. Get involved – or not – and simply enjoy the weekend and all it has to offer in whatever way you wish to.

And although an MGOC Event, members are welcome to bring their family and/or friends, who will quickly find the camaraderie infectious, and hopefully get the MG “bug” along the way.

But no MG Event would be the same without the madcap owners looking to raise funds for charity, and we could not let this one be any different – taking The British Paralympic Association (BPA) as the chosen charity, for obvious reasons!

Their brand name is ParalympicsGB.

Our Chosen Charity: ParalympicsGB



ParalympicsGB is a registered charity which is responsible for selecting, preparing, entering, funding and managing Britain's teams at the Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games.

They need to raise money to help and support the athletes, sending the best prepared team to the Games and increasing their chance of winning more medals. They hope to inspire the nation to change their perceptions of people with a disability through the world-class performances of the British team.

“Mandeville” is the Paralympic Mascot – he’s the little fella in blue >>>
His sidekick is “Wenlock” the London 2012 Olympic Mascot.

No doubt you will see more of these characters over the coming months, but now you also know the origins of the name for our Weekend in 2012!!



For more information on the charity, go to www.paralympics.org.uk

To start the fundraising, members of the Committee have already agreed to fund, for every booking made, **£2.00 per person**, which will go directly to the charity. Further sponsorship of the event will need to continue to be sought as usual.

Organising Committee & Contact Information

Event Secretary: Sue Fenton: 07715 450711 email : mg.cst12@gmail.com

Regional Secretaries & Hosts:

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In addition, Georgie & Gwen very ably support Tim & Fred respectively.

The Hotel – Warner Cricket St Thomas

The Cricket St Thomas Hotel is one of the Historic Hotels in the Warner Leisure chain. For adults only, this hotel is the famous home of *To the Manor Born*, and is located close to the historic town of Chard in lovely Somerset. Able to accommodate 450 guests, we aim to fill it to bursting!!

The Hotel offers a range of activities and facilities that include a Fitness Centre, Pool and Spa. Evening entertainment is provided by guest appearances, and the in-house team, including the MG favourite, Neil Graham. The new Lakes & Gardens are also now complete for regulars to discover.

Package Price

The price of **£255.00 per person** is for **two people sharing a Standard Room**. Upgraded rooms, and Single rooms, come at a supplement, and further details will be available shortly. For full details on all room types, please refer to either the Warner website or one of their brochures.

The £255.00 per person price includes:

- 3-nights accommodation (Fri-Sun incl) in a Standard Room
- Bucks Fizz Reception on Friday Night, followed by a 4-course Dinner
- Breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings
- 4-course Dinner on Saturday night – Olympic theme. Fancy dress encouraged! 😊
- Champagne Reception, followed by Black Tie Gala Dinner on Sunday night
- Rally Plaques, Road Runs, Treasure Hunt, Car Fancy Dress
- All Evening & Live Music Entertainment, including the Late-Lounge with Neil Graham
- Various organised competitions, such as Rifle Shooting, Archery, Petanque, etc
- “Mandeville Madness” Olympic Games on Sunday
- Car Fancy Dress Competition
- Access to the Health Club, incl. Swimming Pool and Fitness Room (excl Spa Treatments)
- Entrance to the Lakes & Gardens

Additional activities may be available at a small cost, and will be published nearer the time.

All upgrade bookings, confirmed with deposit by 30th June 2011, will benefit from the Special Deal of 3 nights for the price of 2 on the upgrade portion of the total price (see Section on “Room Types” for further details).

Payment Arrangements

Although a highly competitive price has been negotiated, the Committee are very conscious of the economic climate at this time, and in view of this are willing to manage installment payments for anyone interested. As this is a non-profit making group of individuals, a stamped, self-addressed envelope must be provided for anyone wanting a receipt for each payment made in this way.

Non-Refundable Deposit to secure booking: £55.00 per person
Followed by 3 further installments, as shown, on/before the following dates:

31 st July 2011	£70.00 per person
30 th October 2011	£70.00 per person
31 st January 2012	£60.00 per person + additional supplement where applicable

Those paying just the deposit, followed by one single payment, should settle the balance due at any time prior to 31st December 2011. Confirmation of total due will be provided in Autumn 2011.

Cheques should be made payable to: *MG CST*. We cannot accept credit/debit card payments. Electronic bank transfers will be accepted to the following account, but you must ensure your name has been quoted for reconciliation purposes, and details noted on the Booking Form:

Sort Code: 40-05-30 HSBC plc, 60 Queen Elizabeth St, London EC4N 4TR
Bank Account No: 03902021
Account Name: MG CST

In the event payments are made by installment, and you later cancel your booking, in addition to the non-refundable portion, a further £10.00 admin charge per booking will become due prior to the remaining balance being returned.

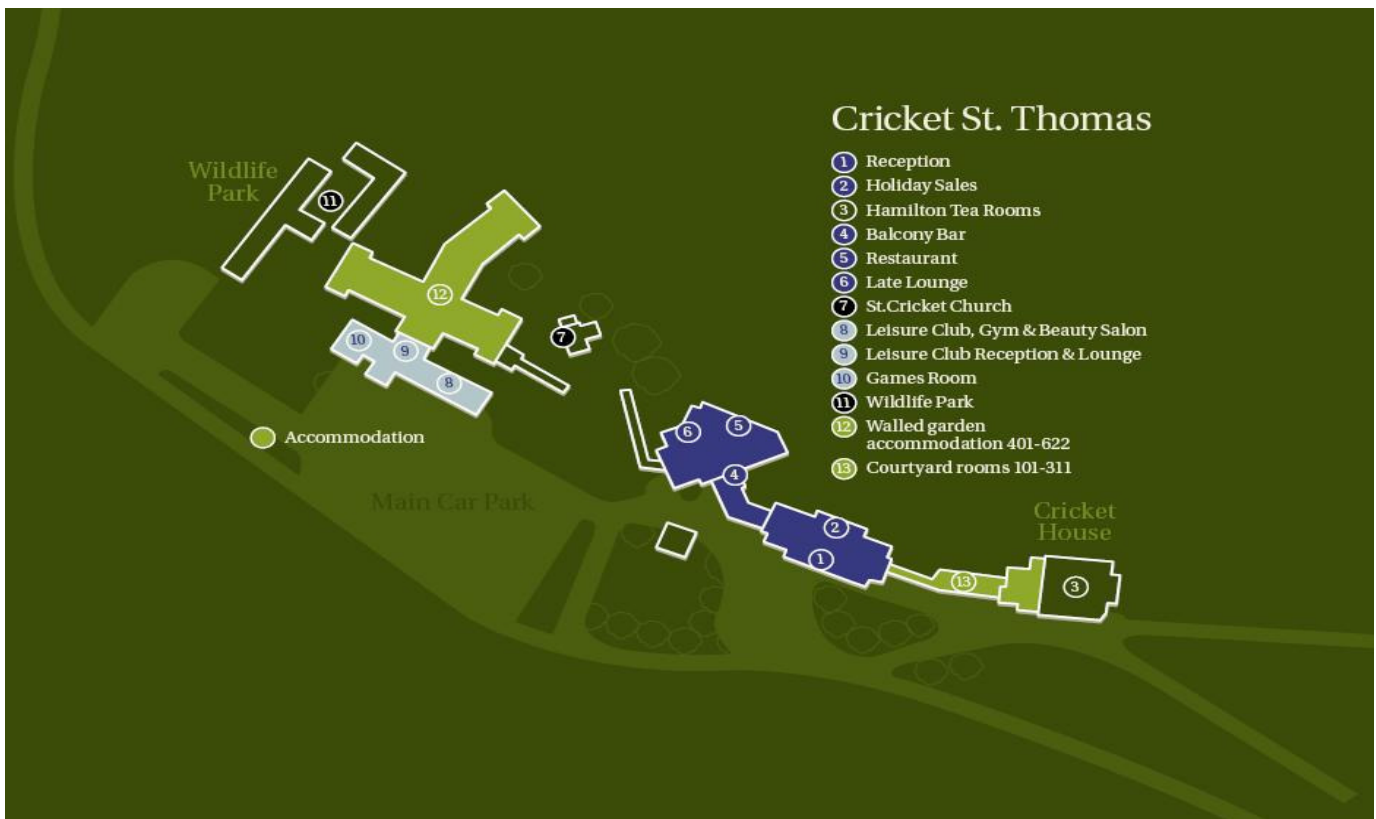
Dining Arrangements

All meals are served in the Tree Tops Restaurant, and are included in the package price as specified. Warner Cricket St Thomas operate a part-served, part-buffet arrangement for meals in their restaurant. In addition, usual practice by the Catering Manager is to assign tables to guests on their first evening. As we are a group booking, and many people will wish to sit with members of their own club and/or friends, table plans will be organised in advance, but nearer the time. Please do not be concerned if you are travelling alone or only as a couple. You will not be left out – unless you want that intimate meal for two!

For those of you with very particular dietary requirements, ie., Celiac, Kosher etc, arrangements can also be made to accommodate your requirements, so don't worry.

Ideally, all guests will choose to dine with the rest of the group as above, but will also have the opportunity to dine in the new "Fenocchi's" Italian restaurant at a supplement (currently £7.50 per person per meal), which is charged by Warners, and payable directly to them during the weekend. Reservations are also required, as space is limited, and information on this will be provided nearer the time.

Hotel Layout & Parking



The blue areas are the main Reception, Bar, Restaurant and Entertainment areas of Cricket St Thomas Hotel. The Health Club is the pale blue area to the left on the above layout plan.

Guests who have booked either a Royale or Historic Room have a designated parking space. In addition, disabled parking is also available.

Car Park Security will be implemented for the duration of the event.

Location of Rooms

The hotel accommodation is split into three areas, the Courtyard, Walled Garden, and the Manor House. Only the Historic rooms are located in the Manor, also known as Cricket House.

The Courtyard is a prime location, between the Manor and the Restaurant, whilst the Walled Garden, with the most recently refurbished rooms, is situated behind the Leisure Centre. Many rooms in the Walled Garden overlook either the pond or the Church.

Please note: Due to the completion of the refurbishment work, all rooms located in the Courtyard area are either Signature Rooms, or Signature Rooms with Patio, and therefore a supplement is payable to reserve one of these rooms.

There are **no** Standard Rooms located between the Manor House and the Main Reception.

Room Types

We strongly recommend you book early to avoid disappointment if requesting a specific room.

The hotel operates a non-smoking policy throughout all rooms, so anyone wishing to smoke close to their room must upgrade to a room with a patio.

Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of the non-refundable deposit. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to offer any form of cancellation insurance. Anyone wishing to take out insurance should discuss the matter with their respective bank or a reputable travel agent.

Standard Rooms are all well-appointed, purpose-built rooms, with en-suite bathrooms, tea/coffee facilities and TV's, and come as part of your package. All these rooms are located on the upper floors of the Walled Garden area, with access via lifts or stairs.

UPGRADE ROOMS

You can upgrade, at a supplement and subject to availability, to any of the following room types. Supplements will be payable for all Single (or single occupancy) rooms and all room types other than Standard Rooms.

Signature Rooms, located in both the Walled Garden and the Courtyard area. These rooms combine decadent richness with modern luxuries, with many of them benefiting from recent refurbishment. Some also have the added benefit of patio doors leading to a small patio area.

Royale Rooms, located in the Walled Garden, these tend to not only provide larger rooms, but also offer special touches like luxury spa bath; mini bar; four-poster bed or a wonderful view.

Historic Rooms, located in the Manor House itself. Refurbished in period style, and offering the finest of rooms that combine decadent richness with modern luxuries. As with Royale Rooms, these rooms also benefit from a number of special touches.

2012 Upgrade Rates will be published on the website as soon as available, and incorporated into the Event Booklet.

Warners have not yet confirmed the "per room" upgrade rates for our event, although we anticipate obtaining these rates by end March 2011. When they are published, all room upgrades will be on a **Per Room Per Night** basis unless otherwise stated. We hope that the upgrade rates will not be too dissimilar to the rates charged for the 2010 event, and shown below.

2010 EXAMPLE SUPPLEMENTS

Walled Garden Signature Rooms (Sup: £30.00 per room per night = £60 extra on 3-4-2 deal)

W/G Signature Rooms +Patio (Sup: £40.00 per room per night = £80 extra on 3-4-2 deal)

W/G Royale Rooms (1st/2nd Floor) (Sup: £40.00 per room per night = £80 extra on 3-4-2 deal)

Courtyard Signature Rooms (Sup: £40.00 per room per night = £80 total extra on 3-4-2)

Courtyard Signature Rooms+Patio (Sup: £52.00 per room per night = £104 total extra on 3-4-2)

Historic Rooms (Sup: from £70.00-£150.00 per room per night)

Leisure Facilities

As with most Warner hotels, Cricket St Thomas has an extensive leisure complex, with most facilities free to residents. A series of classes and their usual programme of sports activities will also be running. In addition, the "Beauty Salon" will be offering discounted treatments to us. The Spa Treatment Menu and Price List will be available in October 2011.

Competitions/Events

A number of events will be going on throughout the weekend, some competitively and others just for fun. You can participate in as much, or as little, as you want. The full Programme of Events will be sent out early in 2012, and will contain details and timings where relevant.

Many activities allow you to decide on the day if you'd like to participate (or not), or to do at your leisure (such as the Treasure Hunt and Road Runs). However, one/two activities require prior booking, as places are limited, and the booking of these will be arranged during Autumn 2011.

All events shown in the Programme of Events, when published, will be free of charge unless otherwise stated.

Fundraising

As this weekend event is also being held to raise much-needed funds for the British Paralympics Association, there will be donation boxes dotted around the hotel, and we would welcome any support you feel able to give.

We will also be organising a raffle, to be drawn at the Gala Dinner. It will be possible to purchase tickets from any of the event organisers throughout the weekend, and prior to the Sunday evening. Your support for this will be very much appreciated.

The Committee are currently considering what other fundraising activities can be arranged during the course of the weekend, so watch this space!

Should you wish to make a specific, financial contribution to our efforts, which will go directly to the ParalympicsGB charity, then please send your donation to Sue, along with the attached donation form, duly completed. Cheques to be made payable to MG CST, and donations received will be combined with all other monies raised for this very worthwhile cause. Please complete the gift aid declaration if you are a UK tax payer.

NOTES

Please use this space to note the details of your booking if you are not in a position, or do not wish, to retain a copy of your completed Booking Form.

Booking Date: Amount Paid:

<input type="checkbox"/> Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin	<input type="checkbox"/> Single**
Courtyard** / Walled Garden		
Upgrade Type or Specific Room No Requested:		