

# Gargunnoch Gnews

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All you Gargunnochians are back home safe and sound, we presume. And we trust you had a good time in Scotland. Here are some photos to remind you of our week-long gathering.



← One of our three grand dinners.



↑ Krista's creation: our entry in the logbook.

← The Gargunnochians displayed on the final day.

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# THE WORTHAM WORD

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## Wortham Manor

A Landmark Trust property

Lifton, Devon

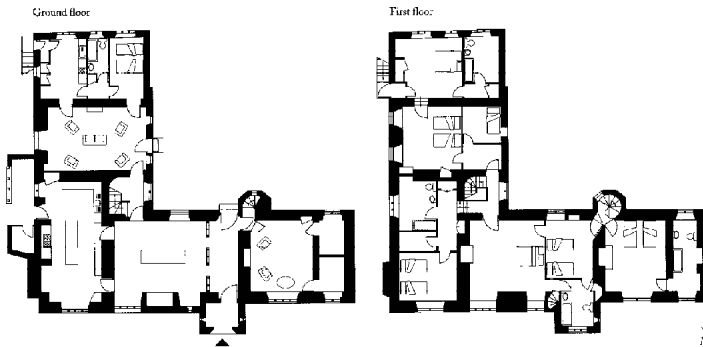
On the west edge of Dartmoor, midway between Plymouth and the Bristol Channel.

For up to 15 people  
Enclosed garden  
Dogs allowed

Open Fire  
Parking nearby  
Some steep staircases

THIS IS A MEDIEVAL and Tudor house of the highest quality, built and then remodelled by a junior branch of the great Devon family of Dinham, but little altered since. Doors and windows are of finely dressed granite, a noble if intractable material seen to great advantage here.

The chamber over the hall has an open arch-braced roof, less massive but otherwise very like that in the great hall at Cotehele, further down the Tamar valley. The hall itself has a ceiling of heavily moulded oak beams and rich late Gothic carving. Both are close in date, and may even have been put up together soon after 1500. Together with the carved surround of the front door, they are probably the work of John Dinham, cousin of Dame Thomasine of Week St Mary, whose building work at The College he oversaw. Like her, he had lived, and prospered, in London. In 1533, when an old man, he was pressed to take a knighthood but declined.



Along with much other work, the house had to be entirely re-roofed, which gave us the opportunity to recover its original plan. We also bought some of the farm buildings on two sides of the house so that its setting could be preserved as well. Those who stay here have an unrivalled opportunity to experience the life of a prosperous, and quite sophisticated, Tudor gentleman, in that distant part of Devon once known as Cornwall in England.

From the logbook: *A marvellous setting for a most successful family reunion.*

A provisional booking has been made for the week Friday 20 September 2002 to Friday 27 September 2002 .

The approximate price per person will probably be in the neighborhood of \$275. We won't know the final total cost until the 2002 prices are announced. Based on past experience the food & drink kitty will probably total about \$100 each. To guarantee a spot please send a \$100 deposit to Rob.

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