

# THANCKES HOUSE



Named after the original Thanckes House which was built in 1871 on the outskirts of the growing town of Torpoint. It was the ancestral home of the Graves family. In 1909, Thanckes House was pulled down and dismantled stone by stone, each stone meticulously numbered and re-erected at Portwrinkle where the house first opened in July 1910 as the Whitsand Bay Hotel.

The hotel, a popular wedding venue, was owned for 45 years by the Earle family and was sold in 2003 to the Phillips family. Sadly, the hotel closed in 2018.

## **GUIDE TO THANCKES HOUSE**

### **Telephone/Mobile/Internet**

There is very poor mobile phone signal at Portwrinkle, however we have Wi-Fi throughout the house which should allow you to make internet calls (WhatsApp/Signal/Telegram/Facebook Messenger).

**The Wi-Fi password is oceanview.**

### **Towels**

We ask all our guests not to use towels to remove make-up and mascara as it is nearly impossible to clean off those stains. We have provided cotton pads in the bathrooms to be used with your make-remover.

### **Kitchen Area**

Please refrain from changing any settings on the kitchen equipment, particularly the fridge freezer. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **Hot-tub**

The hot-tub is emptied, cleaned and refilled after each group of guests. It takes about 5-6 hours to reach maximum temperature and may therefore only be ready for your use in the evening of your arrival.

Please shower before using the hot tub, this is to remove any body lotion, oil or sun cream, as this clogs up the filters resulting in cloudy and unclean water.

Our hot-tub cleaning team will need access to the garden terrace at least once during your stay to check and balance the chlorine level of the water.

If we find that the hot-tub has to be emptied, cleaned and refilled due to cloudy and dirty water, there will be a £100.00 surcharge.

We thank you for your understanding.

### **Swimming Pool**

Our swimming pool cleaning team will need access to the pool at least once during your stay to check and balance the chlorine level of the water.

We thank you for your understanding.

### **BBQ**

A gas BBQ is provided with gas bottle. The utensils for the bbq are in the kitchen.

## **Waste Disposal**

Please ensure to bag up all your rubbish. Please use the dark bags for general rubbish.

You will find some spare bags underneath the sink. Please separate all the recycling using the bins provided. There are three large bins outside, all clearly marked.

General refuse collection day is on a Wednesday and glass every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Recycling is collected every Thursday.

## **Fire Extinguishers and First Aid**

The fire extinguisher and first aid kits are to be found in the kitchen.

## **Parking**

There is ample parking outside your property, but please be considerate to your fellow residents.

## **Dogs**

Up to two dogs are welcome to stay, but the costs must be secured before your stay, should it be discovered that there are more than 2 dogs on the property, then a fine of not less than £100.00 per dog will be added to your bill for immediate payment.

Please keep your pets under control and clear up after them. Dogs are **strictly prohibited** in the bedrooms or on the furniture. Please do not go out and leave them unsupervised in the house as this can result in considerable damage to the property and distress to your pet.

Please supply your own dog beds and blankets.

We do not accept cats, as some guests are highly allergic to them.

## **Arrival and Departure Times**

Arrival is STRICTLY from 4:00pm onwards and Departure time is STRICTLY by 10.00am. We would be very grateful if you would adhere to this time as this allows us time to prepare the house for our next guests.

## **Cleaning**

If our cleaning team needs considerably longer to get the property to the level rightly expected by all our guests, you will be charged for this extra time.

## **Piano**

PLEASE NOTE – The piano is for decorative purposes only and is not tuned.

## RECOMMENDED ATTRACTIONS

### Beaches

You have two great beaches in Portwrinkle. Dogs are allowed on the beach directly in front of you – Finnygook Beach - all year round. The 2<sup>nd</sup> beach – Harbour Beach – is found at the bottom of the village, no dogs are allowed between April (Easter) to the end of October. These beaches are great for walking, surfing, swimming, kite surfing or just chilling out. When the tide is out you can walk up to four miles along the sandy beaches.

There is an abundance of other great local beaches in the area too. If you head right at the top of the hill and go through Crafhole you will find yourself on the coastal road, head for Tregantle and park up by the Fort, then walk down to the sandy Whitsand beach stretching all the way along to Rame Head. If the red flag is flying on the Fort then there is no access to the beach as it is being used for military purposes.

To reach the renowned Whitsand Bay peninsula you drive further along the road from Tregantle Fort with the sea to your right. There are lots of great beaches for surf boarding, body boarding and kayaking.

### Walking

There are excellent walking routes all over Cornwall and we have included information for some of them here. From Rame Head to the pretty fishing villages of Kingsand and Cawsand is a popular one or from Kingsand to Mount Edgcumbe. Mount Edgcumbe country park also happens to be the first landscaped park in Cornwall. [www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk)

There is also the Coastal Footpath right on your doorstep, which takes you over the cliffs with splendid views.

There are also foot passenger ferries over to the historic Barbican in Plymouth from Kingsand and from Edgcumbe to the Royal William Yard in Plymouth, a great place for a bite to eat.

### Fishing

#### *Fly Fishing*

Siblyback (140 acres), some 11 miles away, on the edge of Bodmin Moor, has an excellent reputation.

Rainbow Trout averaging 2lb are stocked at regular intervals. Boats are bookable with the ranger. Best flies – Viva, Black & Peacock, Montant & Hoppers.

**T** – 01579 342366 **SN** PL14 6ER **W** [www.swlakestrust.org.uk](http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk)

Colliford Lake. At 900 acres the lake (26 miles away) offers traditional fly fishing for natural brown trout and is regarded as Cornwall's premier brown trout fishery. Open 15 March to 12 October.

**T** - 01579 346522 **SN** PL14 6PZ **W** [www.swlakestrust.org.uk](http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk)

#### *Still water and Course fishing*

Bush Farm has 3 lakes totalling 3 acres stocked mainly with carp (up to 32lb) but also tench, rudd, roach and bream. Please contact them for rates on the number below. Anglers are asked to use barbless hooks and keep nets are not permitted. **T** 01579 351102 – Call Mrs Irene Renfree to book.

This area of Cornwall is fantastic as you are close to all the amenities offered by Plymouth, such as the two cinemas, Ten pin bowling, paintballing and a shopping mall – Drake Circus. Then you have access to the lovely villages of Looe, Polperro and Fowey. You can also explore the local moorlands of Bodmin and Dartmoor ... just don't get lost! The Eden project is around an hour from here and is a great place to have the experience of being in a tropical paradise or is a great place to go for a gig. There are also the National Trust houses of Edgcumbe, Port Elliot and Lanhydrock in the area. Other spots to explore include St Ives, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and plenty of other spots along the Cornish North Coast. [www.visitcornwall.com/things-to-do](http://www.visitcornwall.com/things-to-do).

There is an attached list of pubs, cafes, restaurants and shopping areas for ease of reference, however, along the road from Tregantle you will also find the Cliff Top Café where there is great food all day. You can also head up to Maker just past Millbrook where there is another good all day café.

Unfortunately, the Hotel and Pub in Portwrinkle – Whitsand Bay Hotel – are closed, but you are spoiled for choice with the Jolly Roger Café just down the road facing onto the beach as well as Maker Heights Café up at Rame Head, the Clifftop Cafe at Whitsands, Waves and the Inn on the Shore in Downderry. There is also the Beach Cafe in Seaton.

The Whitsand Bay Golf and Country Pub - see below for details - is right next door and offer weekly golfing passes to visitors. The most popular is the 3-day unlimited golf pass as listed below. There is also a club house that serves alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and hot food. Please call them on 01503 230778 to confirm their menus.

## Whitsand Bay Golf Club

is set on a cliff-top overlooking Whitsand Bay and the 6,015 yard, par 70 course offers golfers a fair test in a picturesque setting. Our visitors can benefit from a warm welcome and can enjoy our pro shop and clubhouse facilities in order to make your golfing experience a pleasurable one. We offer group and society packages to cater for your visit which are listed below. If you would like to discuss your options further please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Being such a unique location **Whitsand Bay Golf Club** is just one of those courses you need to play in the Devon & Cornwall area. Whether it's dolphins swimming in the bay or a magical sunset at twilight, we can be confident in saying once you are here the golf mixed with the special surrounding scenery will not disappoint.

### Green Fees...

#### SUMMER

(21ST MARCH – 31ST OCT)

WEEKDAY – £30

WEEKEND – £35

#### WINTER

(1ST NOV – 20TH MARCH)

WEEKDAY – £20

WEEKEND – £25

#### JUNIOR

(UNDER 16YRS)

WEEKDAY – £18

WEEKEND – £22

| COUNTY CARD                                                                           | TWILIGHT (After 4pm)                               | MEMBER'S GUEST                                                                                               | UNLIMITED GOLF PASS                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WEEKDAY</b> – £25.00<br><b>WEEKEND</b> – £30.00<br><i>Not Valid 1 Apr – 30 Sep</i> | <b>WEEKDAY</b> – £20.00<br><b>WEEKEND</b> – £20.00 | <b>WEEKDAY</b><br>SUMMER – £20.00<br>WINTER – £15.00<br><b>WEEKEND</b><br>SUMMER – £25.00<br>WINTER – £18.00 | Three Day – £ 75.00<br><br>Seven Day - £135.00 |

### Buggy hire...

#### MEMBERS

18 HOLES – £15.00

ALL DAY – £25.00

#### VISITORS

18 HOLES – £25.00

ALL DAY – £40.00

#### TWILIGHT (AFTER 4PM)

18 HOLES – £20.00

**To avoid any disappointments during your stay, it is advisable to reserve your places before you come down or as soon as you arrive.**

## PUBS

| <b>NAME</b>      | <b>TEL NO.</b> | <b>AREA</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Finnygook Inn    | 0150 3230 338  | Crafthole   | Beautiful old fashioned pub/restaurant with fireplace and great food. Has perfect views over the estuary.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Devonport Inn    | 0175 2822 869  | Kingsand    | Straight on the sea front in the beautiful village of Kingsand and not over run with tourists a real hidden gem. A small but very cosy pub with a fireplace. Excellent food and wine list. Best to book well ahead of time as it is small and much frequented by locals. |
| The Rising Sun   | 0175 2822 840  | Kingsand    | This pub is in the village so no 'view' but it has a good atmosphere and great food.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Halfway House    | 0150 3232 986  | Polbathic   | A typical locals pub with good food.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Eliot Arms       | 0150 3232 733  | St Germans  | Definitely worth a visit. A beautiful village surrounded by the Eliot Estate with Eliot House and St Germans Church which used to be the Cathedral of Cornwall. The pub is in the centre of the village so again, very much a locals pub with live music and good food.  |
| Rod & Line       | 0175 2851 912  | Tideford    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Carew Arms       | 0175 2814 440  | Antony      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Inn on the Shore | 0150 3250 027  | Downderry   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## RESTAURANTS

| <b>NAME</b>         | <b>TEL NO.</b> | <b>AREA</b>                           | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                               |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The View Restaurant | 0175 2822 345  | On the coastal road towards Rame Head | Outstanding views over the sea, this restaurant specialises in local fish and comes with a very good reputation. |
| The Blue Plate      | 0150 3250 308  | Downderry                             |                                                                                                                  |
| Heskyn Mill         | 0175 2852 127  | Tideford                              |                                                                                                                  |

## CAFES

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| The Jolly Roger |  | Portwrinkle | Just down the road & facing the beach, it offers simple light bites, good coffee, cakes and ice-cream. |
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## SHOPPING

| <b>NAME</b>                      | <b>TEL NO.</b> | <b>AREA</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Local newspaper shop/Post office |                | Portwrinkle                                                                                                                                                                             | A community run shop just up the road in Crafhole, where you can pick up general necessities. It is open between 10am and 1pm. Please note that these times may vary during Christmas and New Year periods.         |
| Millbrook Village                |                | Millbrook                                                                                                                                                                               | A ten-minute drive away, has a well stocked co-op, cash points, local farm shop and many other amenities including an Indian take-away, fish and chips shop and good hair salon.                                    |
| Sainsburys                       |                | Torpoint                                                                                                                                                                                | A 15 minute drive away.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Waitrose                         |                | Saltash                                                                                                                                                                                 | A 20 minute drive away.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ORDER ON LINE</b>             |                | <i>To order your shopping on line, use the address details for your property found on the first page of this folder.</i><br><br>Sainsbury's, Waitrose, ASDA and Tesco do delivery here. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Good Shopping Town/Centre        |                | Plymouth                                                                                                                                                                                | Approximately 18 miles away, is your nearest large town for multiples shopping. You can either cross over on the Torpoint Ferry or drive directly via the Tamar Bridge. Please note that in both cases tolls apply. |
| Cash Point                       |                |                                                                                                                                                                                         | The pub and local shop offer cash back when you spend more that £10.00. Otherwise, Torpoint or Millbrook have a number of cash points                                                                               |