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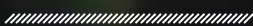
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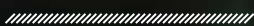
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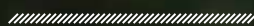
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HUGGARD HISTORY

In 2012, the Huggard family, were delighted to reach the magical centenary after 100 wonderfully enterprising and successful years during which they have earned a deserved reputation as one of the great pioneering families in Irish hospitality.

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FABULOUS DINING

The setting here is the perfect backdrop when enjoying good food and company. From classic afternoon tea in the Piano Lounge, lunch in the Lakeside Bistro or dinner in the original hotel dining room, the Castlelough Restaurant.

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RELAXING BAR

The Devil's Punch Bowl Bar is bright and relaxing and offers super views of the lakes and mountains beyond and also is a display area for some of the hotels memorabilia. Drinks and food are served outside on our terrace, weather permitting.

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HOTEL AMENITIES

Visit the Lake Thermal Suite during your stay, fully equipped with steam room, sauna, salt sauna, experiential shower pods, outdoor hot tub, infinity pool and fitness centre. Also, on the grounds of the hotel we have an enchanting Fairy Trail and our very own Lake Hotel Garden.

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ALL ABOUT KILLARNEY

From The Killarney National Park, Ross Castle and the buzzing town centre. Hiking, mountain climbing, kayaking and horse riding, walking, jogging and cycling, there is an activity for every age group and interest group in Killarney.

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DAY TRIPS

Killarney is in the middle of Kerry, also known as the 'Kingdom of Kerry'. From here, you can easily visit the Dingle Peninsula, the Ring of Kerry, the Gap of Dunloe, the Skelligs, Skellig Ring and the Beara peninsula without having to pack your bags and move on.

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HILDA HUGGARD

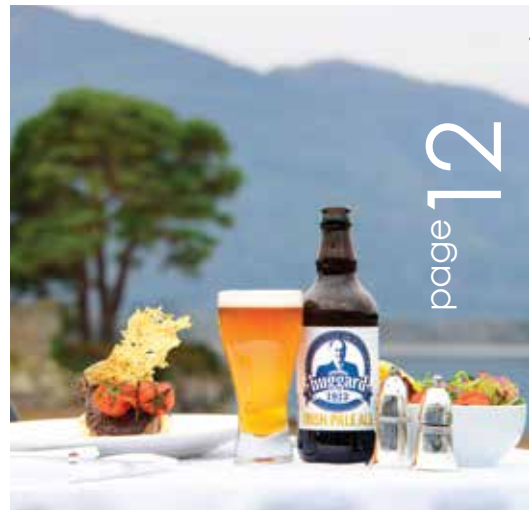
Hilda Huggard was actively involved in the daily running of the hotel from the day of purchase until her passing at the age of 84 in 2001.

dear guest...

Nestling on the lake of Lough Lein, Killarney's lower lake, The Lake Hotel enjoys the most magnificent setting with the truly unique backdrop of the mountains, islands, woodlands and the 12th century McCarthy Mór castle ruins. The Lake Hotel is a four star property run by the Huggard Family and has been welcoming guests since 1820, so a long tradition of warm Irish hospitality awaits all visitors.

If you are visiting Killarney, Kerry or Ireland for the first time and seeking to experience a warm and authentic Irish family owned and run hotel then The Lake Hotel Killarney is the perfect hotel for your stay.

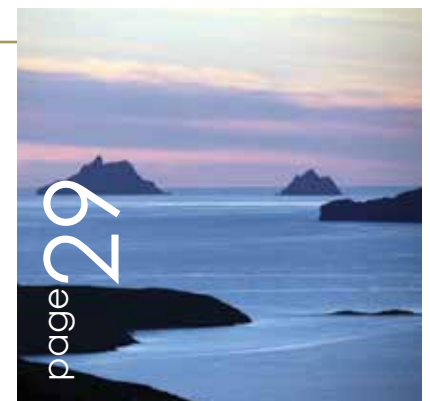
In the 1940's Ms Hilda Huggard became the proprietor of The Lake Hotel and passed it to her four nephews in the late 1990's, thus ensuring that her legacy of true Irish hospitality was carried on.



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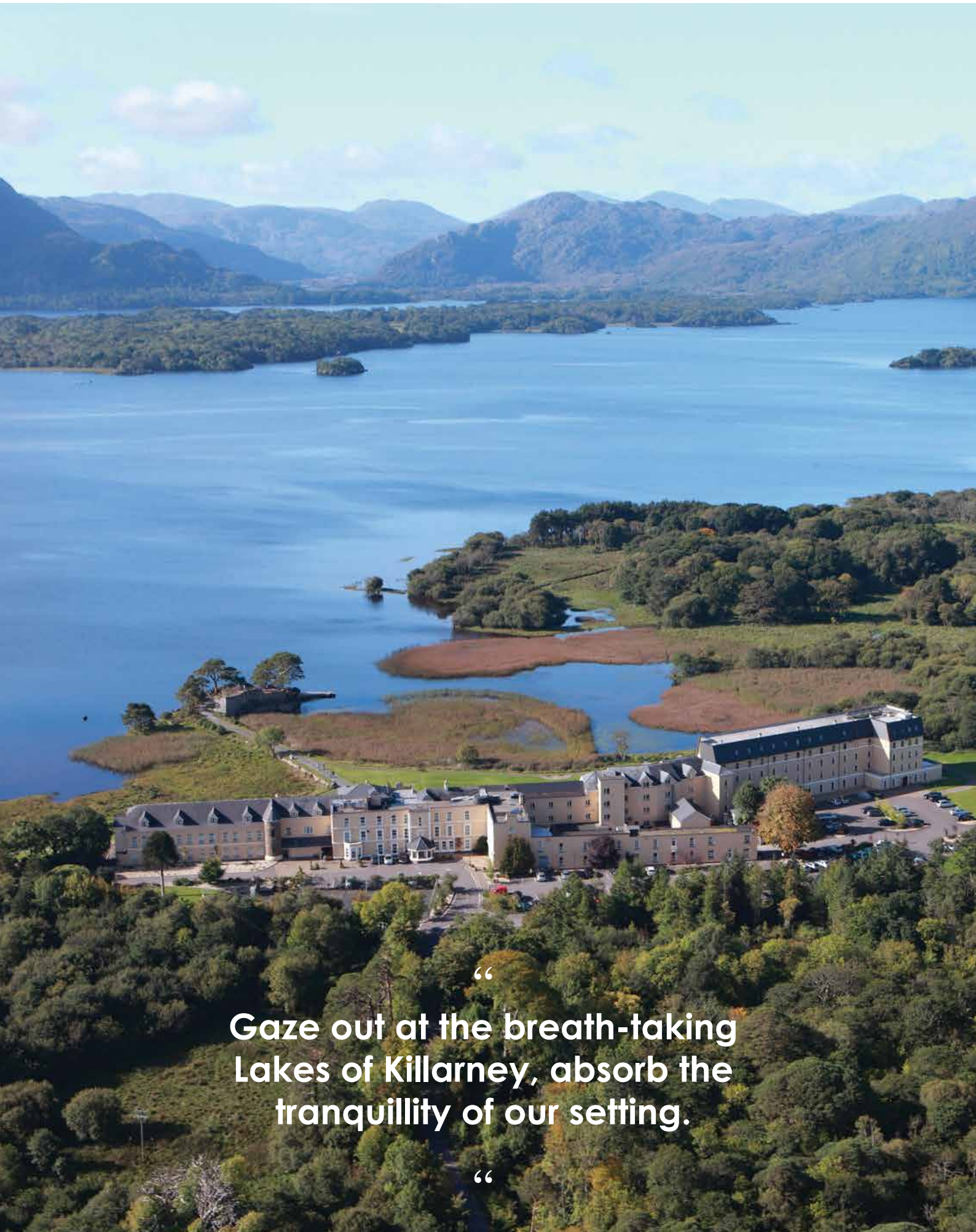
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We hope you enjoy your stay with us and look forward to welcoming you back to **The Lake Hotel** in the near future.





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**Gaze out at the breath-taking
Lakes of Killarney, absorb the
tranquillity of our setting.**

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PLEASE READ

HOTEL INFORMATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, TIMES, VENUE SUGGESTIONS AND MORE, ALL THE VITAL INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED FOR YOUR STAY AT THE LAKE HOTEL.

ADAPTORS

Adaptors are available from Reception at a rental cost of €10 which will be refunded upon return of the cable.

ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Address: The Lake Hotel,
Lake Shore,
Muckross Road,
Killarney,
Co Kerry,
Ireland, V93 RR59

Telephone: +353 64 66 31035
Fax: +353 64 66 31902
Email: info@lakehotel.com
Website: www.lakehotel.com

ATM

The Lake Hotel does not have an ATM on the premises. However there is one available in the lobby of the INEC (a ten minute walk from the hotel). Alternatively there are many ATM's in the centre of Killarney.

BANKS

In Killarney town centre there is the AIB, Bank of Ireland, Permanent TSB, Ulster Bank and Credit Union. Opening times vary, check with Reception.

BATH ROBES & SLIPPERS

For your added comfort, bathrobes and slippers are provided for use during your stay. Should you wish to purchase either of these items, please dial '0' to contact Reception.

Bathrobes: €35.00
Slippers: €3.00

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BUREAU DE CHANGE

We are able to exchange foreign currency for euro at reception. Also we only change USA Dollar / Sterling.

CHECK OUT

Check out is before 12pm. It is possible to pay your bill beforehand. If necessary we can store your luggage at reception. If a late check out is needed please contact Reception and we will do your best to accommodate you. After 1pm there will be a fee for a late check out.

CHURCH SERVICES

There are a number of different options available in the area including the following:

St Mary's Cathedral, Franciscan Friary, Fossa Church, Church Of Resurrection, Methodist Church, Living Rock Pentecostal Church, New Life Church, Grace Fellowship (Evangelical), Muckcross Church.

Please ask Reception if there are any Church times you would like to know.

COTS AND EXTRA BEDS

If you need an extra bed or cot sent up to your room please contact Reception.

CREDIT CARDS

All major credit cards are accepted, these include Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners, Maestro and Laser.



ROOMS FOR GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

We have two rooms suitable for guests with disabilities available at the hotel, located on the ground floor. Please let Reception know if you would like to book or view these rooms.

FACSIMILE

The Lake Hotel fax number is +353 64 66 31902. Please contact Reception if you wish to send or receive any faxes during your stay. The charge for this service is €1 per page.

FLOWERS

Please contact Reception if you would like to order flowers during your stay. Please give as much advance notice as possible.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are at your own discretion. If you have enjoyed your stay and would like to leave gratuities for a specific department, an envelope is available in your room, which can be handed into Reception.

HOTEL PRINTS

On display, throughout the hotel photo prints of the breathtaking views of the Torc Mountain range and Lough Lein which can be seen from the rear of the hotel from the artists Mark Eldred and Sarah Corner. These prints are available to purchase by contacting Reception.

INTERNET

We have complimentary wifi available across the hotel. If you wish to use the internet, there are computers available for our guests in the Library, located on the first floor.

LIVE MUSIC

There is live music in The Devils Punchbowl Bar two to three nights a week during the summer months. Otherwise there is music each Saturday night. Please see the schedule in The Punchbowl Bar for more details.

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LAUNDRY

If you wish to avail of this service, please complete the laundry docket in your room and place all items along with the docket into the bag provided. Contact Reception before 9:00am and we will organise for it to be taken to the Laundry. Your laundry will be returned to your room by a member of the accommodation staff. All charges for our laundry services are charged to your room account unless you advise otherwise. Please note we offer a limited laundry service during low season. Dry-cleaning is not available in the hotel, but we are able to recommend dry-cleaning services that are available, if you wish, in Killarney town.

LUGGAGE COLLECTION

Please contact Reception if you require a porter to help you with luggage to or from your room.

NEWSPAPERS

A limited number of complimentary copies of some Irish newspapers are provided at Reception and in the restaurant each morning.

PET POLICY

Due to the increasing rise of allergy sufferers of animal hair only sanctioned guide dogs are allowed inside the hotel.

PHOTOCOPYING

At The Lake Hotel we have a full colour photocopier. Please contact reception if you need any photocopying during your stay. The charge for this service is 10c per mono page and 20c per colour page.

PRINTING

We can print from CD's and USB keys. The charge for this service is 10c per mono page and 20c per colour page. Please contact Reception if you need assistance.

POSTAGE

Post is collected from reception each morning at 9am. Should you wish to have something posted please give it to reception before 9am. Stamps are available from reception if needed. Postage will be charged at standard price, please inquire with reception for more information'. We can also arrange a courier service if needed.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

Please note there is a safe deposit box in the wardrobe in your room which is available to you during your stay. Full user instructions are displayed with the box, however if you have any queries please dial '0' for Reception.

SMOKING POLICY

Due to Government regulations, smoking is not permitted in any indoor area of the hotel. However, smoking is permitted on the balcony of your room and also there is a designated heated smoking area located beside the bar on the ground floor.

TELEPHONE CHARGES

Should you wish to make an external phone call simply dial '9' on your phone to get an outside line. Calls are charged at local rates. To dial another room in the hotel, dial the room number (e.g. 240). There is no charge for internal calls.

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TV CHANNELS

The first 2 channels are hotel channels, showcasing hotel photography and scenery from Killarney and the surrounding areas.

The following channels are available thereafter:

RTÉ1, RTÉ 2, Virgin Media 1, TG4, Virgin Media 2, Virgin Media 3, RTÉ Junior, RTÉ News, RTÉ1 plus1, Tithe an Oireachtas, BBC1, BBC2, ITV, ITV2, ITV4, Channel 4, E4, CBBC, CITV, BBC News, Sky News, Film 4, ZDF (German TV), 3SAT (German TV)

Radio Channels

Radio 1, Radio 2FM, Lyric FM, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, RTE Radio 1, RTÉ Pulse, RTÉ 2XM, RTE Junior, RTÉ Gold, Radio Maria.

UPGRADES

If you wish to upgrade your room type, please contact Reception by dialling '0'.

UMBRELLAS

There are hotel umbrellas available at Reception should you need to borrow one. Your name and room number will be asked for when taking an umbrella. If you would like to purchase an umbrella they are €35 each.

WATER

Complimentary bottled water is provided during your stay.

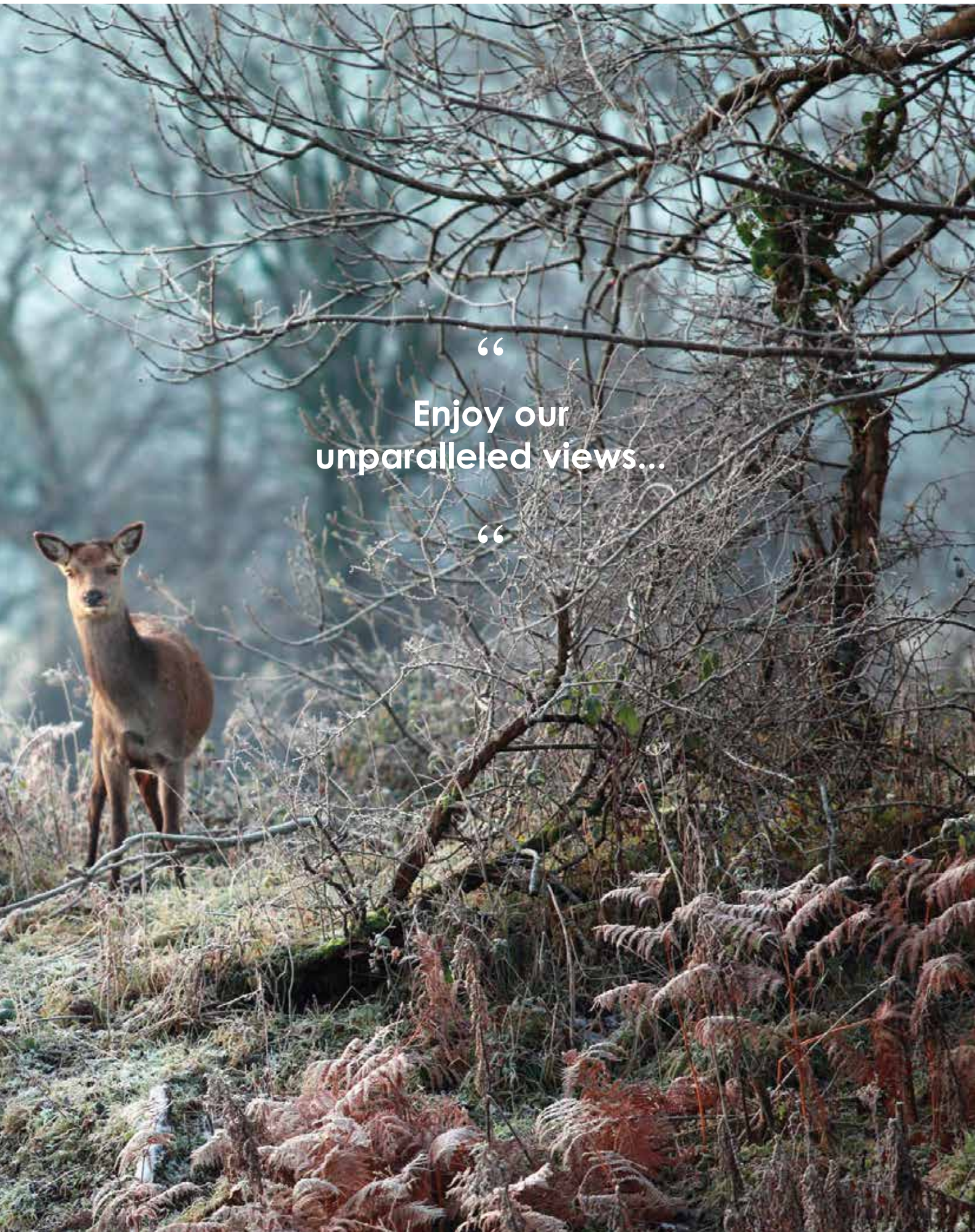
WAKE UP CALLS

Please contact Reception to arrange a wake up call.

WI-FI

We have complimentary wifi available across the hotel. If you wish to use the internet, there are computers available for our guests in the Library, located on the first floor.





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Enjoy our
unparalleled views...

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where it all began...

1912

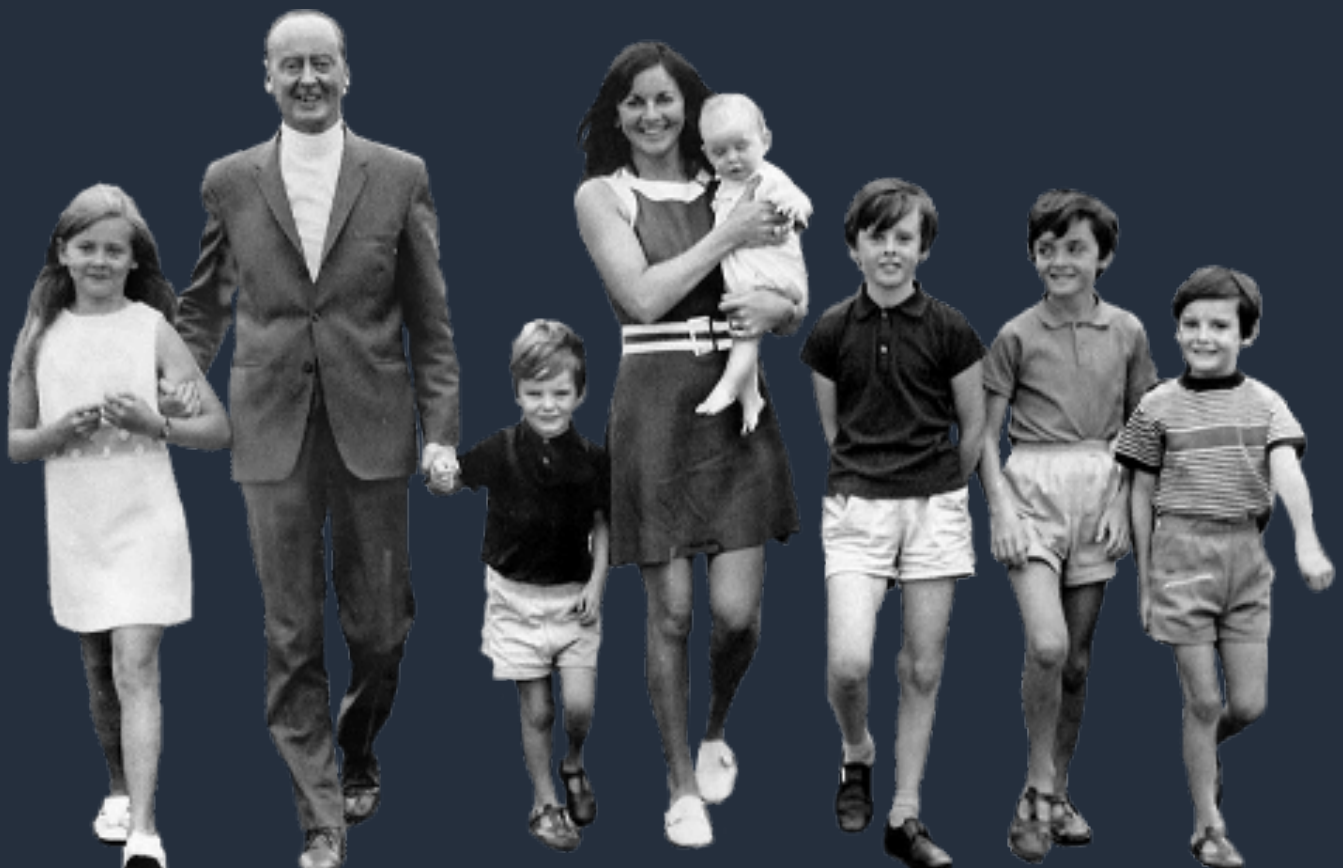
Martin Huggard of Waterville met Mary Doyle from Wicklow and in 1912, this meeting would go on to build Ireland's first hotel chain.

The Huggards were blessed with seven children, Noel, Maud, Hilda, Billy, Cecily, Brendan and Patricia, many of whom went on to leave a hugely positive imprint on Irish tourism in general and on the hotel industry in particular. Martin and Mary acquired the 60-bedroom Butler Arms Hotel in Waterville in 1917 and, as the years progressed, the Huggard hotel empire grew with the purchase of Caragh Lake Hotel near Killorglin, the Royal Hotel on Valentia Island, Ballinahinch Castle Hotel in Connemara and the landmark Ashford Castle, also in Connemara.

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In 1940 the family purchased the flagship Lake Hotel, on the shores of the world famous Lakes of Killarney, which dates back to 1820 and boasts a spectacular, unrivaled location with all-encompassing views of Killarney's world famous scenery. Hilda Huggard was actively involved in the daily running of the hotel from the day of purchase until her passing at the age of 84 in 2001.

The secret to success that has served the family so well down through the generations is the emphasis placed on quality, attention to detail, first rate customer service, a warm welcome and a determination that all visitors to hotels run by the Huggard family become friends as well as guests.



the difference... **FAMILY RUN**

welcoming guests since 1912

Today the Lake Hotel's unique service and its Location make it part of Ireland's premier tourist destinations and have been welcoming visitors for over 100 years.

The Lake Hotel, which has been carefully developed to become one of the finest establishments in the country, is now personally run by Tony, Colman, Niall and Joe Huggard, and it has enjoyed remarkable success, including the receipt of several national quality awards for cuisine, quality, service and hospitality.



DINE
AL FRESCO
BY THE
LAKE
SHORE

dining



AL FRESCO DINING ON THE HOTEL LAWN, TAKING IN THE RUINS OF THE 12TH CENTURY MCCARTHY MÓR CASTLE AND, OF COURSE, THE LAKES AND MOUNTAINS BEYOND. THIS IS THE PERFECT SPOT FROM WHICH TO ADMIRE OUR WONDERFUL SETTING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES.

THE LAKESIDE BISTRO

The Lakeside Bistro is ideally located in that this bright and relaxing lounge offers large windows all along one side of the room looking out onto the hotel lawn, The Lakeside Bistro is popular for morning coffee and scones, leisurely lunches for guests, locals and passing tourists, The Bistro also offers a tasty vegetarian / Vegan menu with daily specials and free WiFi.

The Lakeside Bistro opens at 10am daily and serves food from 12pm to 9.30pm. Non residents are most welcome. Special dietary requirements are catered for as much as possible.



AFTERNOON TEA

The Lake Hotel offers a classic Afternoon Tea. The great, local, fresh produce prepared by our Chefs combined with friendly and helpful staff ensure that guests come back again and again to enjoy this restful and inviting space.



THE CASTLELOUGH RESTAURANT

The Castlelough Restaurant is an impressive dining room, much of which was built as part of the original house in 1820.

AA awarded The Castlelough Restaurant with two AA Rosettes in recognition of the high standard of food prepared and served and the use of locally sourced produce.

The Castlelough Restaurant is open daily for breakfast from (7.30 in high season) 8am to 10.30 am and for dinner from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Table d'hote and a la carte menus are available. Special dietary requirements are catered for along with Vegetarian and Vegan menus.



PRIVATE DINING FOR RESIDENTS

The Castle Suite at The Lake Hotel is an impressive private dining and meeting room which enjoys the magnificent lake and mountain views.

The Lough Lein Room is a peaceful room with its warming fire and bay window. It is a perfect venue for more informal events such as cocktails, canapés, finger food or our hand-held dining menu.

We are happy to create menus especially to celebrate an occasion and special dietary requirements are catered for where possible.

WE ALSO DO
**ROOM
SERVICE**

our bar

Try our own
**CRAFT
BEER**

'Martin Huggard'

or our

popular cocktail
**LAKESIDE
SUNSET**

our bar

the devils punchbowl

THE DEVILS PUNCHBOWL BAR TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE STUNNING GLACIAL LAKE ON MANGERTON MOUNTAIN SET WITHIN KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK, A 25,000 ACRE OASIS ADJACENT TO THE LAKE HOTEL AND VISIBLE FROM THE BAR, RESTAURANT, LOUNGES AND MAJORITY OF BEDROOMS.

THIS BRIGHT AND RELAXING BAR ALSO OFFERS LARGE WINDOWS LOOKING OUT ONTO THE HOTEL LAWN, THE RUINS OF THE 12TH CENTURY MCCARTHY MOR CASTLE AND OF COURSE, THE LAKES AND MOUNTAINS BEYOND. THE BAR AREA IS ALWAYS BUSY FOR MORNING COFFEE AND SCONES, LEISURELY LUNCHES BY GUESTS, LOCALS AND PASSING TOURISTS AND CASUAL, TASTY BAR FOOD THROUGHOUT THE EARLY EVENING. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING ON OFFER TO SATISFY THE APPETITE AND THIRST AT THE BAR AND COMBINED WITH OUR FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL STAFF, GUESTS COME BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN TO ENJOY THIS RESTFUL AND INVITING SPACE.

THE DEVILS PUNCHBOWL BAR OPENS AT 10AM DAILY AND NON RESIDENTS ARE MOST WELCOME.

DRINKS ARE SERVED OUT ON THE LAWN, WEATHER PERMITTING.



HAVE DRINKS
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live music



THERE IS LIVE MUSIC IN THE DEVILS PUNCHBOWL BAR TWO TO THREE NIGHTS A WEEK DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

OTHERWISE THERE IS MUSIC EACH SATURDAY NIGHT. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE IN THE PUNCHBOWL BAR FOR MORE DETAILS.

amenities

FAIRY TRAIL

We have sprinkled some fairy dust in the woods at The Lake Hotel. Be sure to visit our enchanting fairy trail during your stay. Simply follow the pedestrianised pathway through the woods across from our front door.



LAKE HOTEL GARDEN

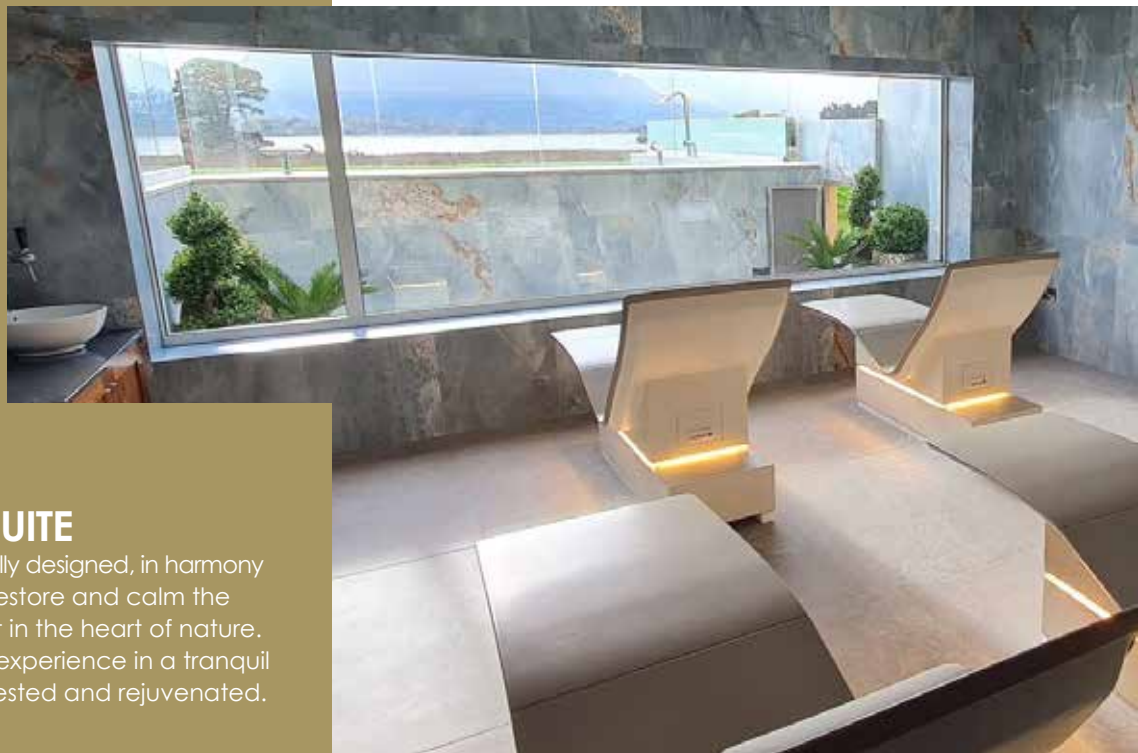
HERE AT THE LAKE HOTEL, WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME AND BELIEVE IN USING THE BEST OF LOCALLY SOURCED PRODUCTS.

Executive Chef Noel Enright and his team are proud to have expanded on our eco-friendly efforts and have worked hard to develop our Lake Hotel Garden. It's wonderful to see our very own herbs and vegetables flourish on the grounds of the hotel. Located at the end of the car park, near the new-wing hotel entrance.

wellness

LAKE HOTEL FITNESS CENTRE

At The Lake Hotel, despite having unparalleled jogging and exercise space just beyond our doors and the 25,000 National Park adjacent to our property, we offer a fully equipped fitness centre.



LAKE THERMAL SUITE

This space has been carefully designed, in harmony with our surroundings, to restore and calm the senses. A peaceful retreat in the heart of nature. Providing an invigorating experience in a tranquil haven. Immerse feeling rested and rejuvenated.

LAKE THERMAL SUITE

Located on the ground floor of the hotel, alongside the Lake Fitness Centre, the **Lake Thermal Suite** is fully equipped with both indoor and outdoor facilities, including steam room, sauna, salt sauna, experiential shower pods, outdoor hot tub, and infinity pool.

UNWIND IN OUR
INDOOR
AND
OUTDOOR
FACILITIES



SCAN TO
BOOK



Bedrooms at THE LAKE

WOODLAND ROOM

The Woodland Rooms are quiet, comfortable rooms located in the original building of the hotel and thus have retained the hotels old world charm and appeal. The standard rooms overlook the front and entrance of the hotel where the wild deer can be seen roaming frequently, particularly in the early morning or evening time. The Woodland Rooms offer a double or twin bed configuration.

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LAKE VIEW ROOM

Many of the Lake View rooms are located in the original hotel building which was built in 1820 and therefore delightful period features such as high ceilings and balconies add to our guests' enjoyment of the space. These rooms also ensure that relaxation is paramount during a stay at The Lake Hotel. All Lake view rooms overlook the stunning vista of Killarney's Lower Lake and National Park, a truly breathtaking sight to greet you each morning and evening.

As the hotel has had several extensions added over the decades, the rooms within this category type can vary in size, layout and bed configuration. A selection of the Lake View rooms have twin beds, double beds or four poster beds and others have a balcony thus offering the opportunity to absorb the tranquility of this unique setting. If you wish to request a room with any particular features or layout, please mention this when making your reservation.

DELUXE LAKE VIEW ROOMS

Deluxe rooms look out onto the hotel lawn, the ruins of the 12th century McCarthy Mor Castle, which is floodlit at night, and of course the Lakes of Killarney. An additional seating area in each room as well as a balcony * with outdoor seating allows for ample space to lounge and relax whilst also enjoying the famous views no matter what the weather.

*The majority of deluxe rooms have balconies but not all. Please let us know if you would rather a balcony and we will note this on your reservation details.



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REST, SLEEP, DREAM...
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**FOUR POSTER DELUXE
LAKE VIEW ROOM** **4**

The Four Poster Deluxe Lake View rooms are all located on the top floor of the hotel and therefore have unparalleled views of the lake, mountains and National Park. All rooms offer enclosed balcony seating and lounge seating and have the added luxury of a fireplace for extra warmth and wellbeing.

Features such as the flat screen television and Jacuzzi bath in the bathroom are common to all rooms in this category, It is the classic four poster bed and extensive panoramas that make this room type special and one to consider for a couples break away at any time of the year.

**MASTER DELUXE
LAKE VIEW ROOM** **5**

The Master Deluxe Lake View Room is the ultimate in indulgence. The unique feature of these rooms is an in room Jacuzzi bath set opposite one of the large windows allowing one to soak away the days strains & pains whilst also soaking up the magnificent surroundings on the hotels doorstep. A Super King size double bed, lounge area, outdoor balcony seating and more all add to the atmosphere of real comfort and tranquility.



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**MUCKROSS
JUNIOR SUITE**

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The Muckross Junior Suite offers a large, spacious room including super king sized bed, relaxing seating area and a step up Jacuzzi bath in room, to ensure your utter comfort while staying with us.

A large en suite bathroom is also in place, this room is ideal when a little more space and comfort is desired for that special break away.

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**LAKE VIEW
JUNIOR SUITES**



Truly a room with a view



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Our Lake View Junior Suites are the best rooms in the house, rooms 302 and 319 are luxurious suites with breathtaking views over the ancient ruins of the 17th century McCarthy Mór Castle (floodlit at night) and the world-famous Lakes of Killarney.



The deluxe seating provides an idyllic spot to unwind and absorb the magnificent scenery and wildlife. The native deer or stag can be seen as they wander past, through Killarney National Park.

With an outlook such as this, there should be little need for a television, however the Lough Lein Suites are not only furnished with tvs in the main bedroom but also, one in the bathroom so guests can watch tv while enjoying a relaxing bath.



Killarney

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Right in the Heart
of the Ring of Kerry

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THE TOWN OF KILLARNEY IS SET ON THE RING OF KERRY WHICH IS A WORLD FAMOUS TOURING ROUTE CELEBRATED FOR ITS SCENERY. PREPARE TO BE AMAZED BY THE INCREDIBLE BEAUTY, RICH HISTORY AND HERTIAGE, MYTHS & LEGENDS AND WONDERFUL CULTURES AND TRADITIONS OF THIS SPECIAL PLACE - THE KILLARNEY VALLEY AND ITS SURROUNDING KINGDOM OF KERRY.

WALKING / CYCLING

It is difficult to describe the sheer scale of the areas surrounding The Lake Hotel and Killarney which provide world class walking and cycling trails in such truly breathtaking surroundings. The Killarney National Park is immediately adjacent to the grounds of The Lake Hotel and extends over 25,000 acres, suffice to say there are endless trips and strolls to take within this immense area. Beyond the Park is the surrounding area of Killarney, also Tralee, Waterville and Kenmare to name but a few and the natural beauty in such abundance in all of these regions ensures that walkers and cyclists do not leave us disappointed.

We are happy to provide local maps and routes for cycling and walking groups and guests. Packed and picnic lunches can be organised for small or large groups with advance notice. Information on bicycle and walking equipment hire is available from hotel Reception. Preferential group rates are available to walking and cycling groups staying at The Lake Hotel.



FISHING / BOATING

As The Lake Hotel is located on the lake shore and we have our own private pier down beside the 12th century castle ruins, any fishing or boating trip undertaken whilst staying with us can begin by strolling down to the pier and stepping out onto the waters of the famous Lakes of Killarney. We can assist with information on what can be caught during the fishing season, we can book ghillies and equipment for you and organise leisurely sightseeing tours on the lakes if you wish.

The Lakes offer so much enjoyment and tranquillity during any stay in Killarney, it is a must to venture out onto these peaceful and restful waters and soak up the sense of natural grandeur that surrounds you. Packed and picnic lunches can be organised for small or large groups with advance notice. Information on fishing equipment hire is available from hotel Reception. Preferential group rates are available to fishing groups staying at The Lake Hotel.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Residents of Killarney are fortunate to wake up each morning to the impressive sight of the MacGulllicuddy Reeks, the highest mountain range in Ireland. This grand mountain range looms over the whole town and the Lakes of Killarney creating the backdrop for our world famous scenery. Not only can we enjoy the resultant views but mountain climbers and hikers will revel in the choice of hikes and climbs available within the mountains across the lakes from the hotel. There are hikes and climbs for every grade offering amazing views and sights across the county of Kerry and at the end of a long but rewarding day out on the mountains, the hotels outdoor lakeside hot tub awaits you to help soothe and ease those aching muscles.

We are happy to provide local maps and routes for climbing or hiking groups and guests. Packed and picnic lunches can be organised for small or large groups with advance notice. Information on guides, guided hikes and climbs and walking equipment hire is available from hotel Reception.



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**So much
to see and do!**
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KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

The Killarney National Park extends over 25,000 acres and encompasses the famous Lakes of Killarney and the MacGuillicuddy Reeks, Ireland's highest mountain range. There are so many features to this enormous and impressive park that it is impossible to name them all. Some of the more popular or better known areas include Torc Waterfall, an impressive waterfall easily accessed from the road and by walking up alongside it Dinis Cottage, a historical cottage which dates back to the 1700s and was once a hunting lodge. It has operated as a tea rooms for more than 200 years and offers both inside and outdoor seating, and it is a tempting stop-off for many visitors walking the popular Muckross and Dinis route through the National Park. Muckross House is a magnificent Victorian mansion and one of Ireland's leading stately homes. It is beautifully situated amidst the spectacular scenery of Killarney National Park, Ireland's premier National Park. The elegantly furnished rooms portray

the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement one can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. Muckross House is also home to a number of skilled craftworkers who can be seen using skills in the crafts of weaving, pottery & bookbinding. Many tender and exotic trees and shrubs flourish in the mild climate and sheltered location of the Muckross gardens. The Muckross traditional farms are an authentic outdoor interpretation, on a 70 acre elevated site, of rural life in Kerry in the 1930's and 1940's.





GOLF

There is a multitude of world class golf courses located in the Kingdom of Kerry and just beyond and outlined below is a selection of these courses. We are happy to assist you in making enquiries or bookings to play at any of these and other courses during your stay at The Lake Hotel.

Preferential group rates are available to golfing walking and cycling groups staying at The Lake Hotel.

KILLARNEY

- Ross Golf Course** 1 km 9 hole (Parkland)
- Killarney Golf & Fishing Club** 6 km
- Killeen** (Links)
- Mahonys Point** (Links)
- Lackabane** (Parkland)
- Beaufort Course** 12 km (Parkland)

OUTSIDE KILLARNEY

- Dooks Course** 34 km (Links)
- Ring of Kerry Course** 39 km (Parkland)
- Tralee Course** 44 km (Links)
- Dingle Golf Course** 76 km (Links)
- Ballybunion Course** 79 km (Links)
- Waterville Links Course** 79 km (Links)
- Old Head Kinsale Course** 88 km (Links)
- Lahinch Golf Course** 152 km (Links)
- Doonbeg Golf Club** 167 km (Links)



HORSE RIDING

As there is such an abundance of green space and trails in the areas around The Lake Hotel and Killarney it is only natural that horse riding is a popular and highly enjoyable activity booked by many during a stay at The Lake Hotel. There are several horse riding schools and operators in the area and we are happy to help you make a booking to enjoy this activity during your visit. Horse riding trips are available for all ages and for all grades and can take place within the area of the stables or through various areas within the National Park. Sitting in the saddle, ambling along the trails under the green canopy of the forests in the park or cantering along the lakeshore is a wonderful memory to take home with you after your break away in Kerry.

Packed and picnic lunches can be organised for small or large groups with advance notice. Information on horse riding operators in the area is available from hotel Reception and we are happy to make bookings on your behalf.

JAUNTING CAR TRIPS

An image synonymous with Killarney is the jaunting car trip and the local jarveys with their tales and stories of Killarney. The jaunting car is a really enjoyable way of seeing the town of Killarney and the National Park. The usual trips take one from the town centre out to Muckross House within the National Park, along the lakeshore and then back into Killarney again by an alternate but equally beautiful route again through the Park.

Other trips such as out to Torc Waterfall are available and we are happy to assist you in booking this while staying with us at The Lake Hotel. Packed and picnic lunches can be organised for small or large groups with advance notice. Information on jaunting car operators is available from hotel Reception and we are happy to make bookings on your behalf.



Please ask at Reception
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TORC WATERFALL

Torc Waterfall is well worth visiting and like all waterfalls it is best seen after heavy rains (no problem in Kerry!). Torc waterfall is 4.5 miles from Killarney town and a 2.5 mile walk from The Lake Hotel through Killarney National Park via Muckross Abbey & Muckross House. The waterfall is very easy to access and is 250 yards from the carpark. There is also great walks and trails in all directions if you follow the steps up from Torc Waterfall.

If you want a good viewing point of the lakes then push yourself a little further and climb the 100 or so steps immediately to the left of the waterfall to get some excellent views of the lakes. Torc waterfall is one of Killarney's most well known tourist attractions and a traditional stopping point for bus and coach tours. As a result it can get busy and congested around this area in the peak summer months.



ROSS CASTLE

Ross Castle is located just outside the town of Killarney on the Ross Road. Originally the home of an Irish Chieftain (O' Donoghue Ross) Ross Castle's foundation is uncertain but it was probably built in the late 15th century. The castle is surrounded by a fortified bawn, its curtain walls defended by circular flanking towers, two of which remain. It sits on the banks of Lough Leane on a majestic site looking out on to the lake and Inisfallen Island (home to a 7th century monastery). It is reputed to be one of the last strongholds of significance to fall to Cromwell's forces in the 1650's.

The Castle has recently been restored and is open to visitors from April to October (there is a fee which includes a guided tour) but you can stroll around the grounds throughout the year. As the castle is one of Killarney's main tourist attractions it can get quiet busy during the peak summer months. Boat trips are also available from here to Inisfallen Island and around The Lakes of Killarney.

INNISFALLEN ISLAND

Innisfallen Island which sits approx 1 mile offshore from Ross Castle is home to the ruins of Innisfallen Abbey. An island of approx 21 acres (8.5 hectares) it is the largest of the islands on the lake and can be accessed via motor boats which run from Ross castle during the summer months.

Some of the most impressive archaeological remains from early Christian times to be found in the Killarney region are to be found in the ruined monastery on Innisfallen Island. The monastery was founded in the 6th/7th century by St. Finian the Leper. In the 6th/7th century the island would have been a bleak and desolate place (it still is on a winters day in the 21st century) ideally suited to the life of solitude, prayer and reflection sought after by the monks of those times.

It is a peaceful spiritual place, with a lingering sense of contemplation and stillness. While you will pay a fee for a boat to get you out there it is well worth it.



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DINGLE & SLEA HEAD

To see the Dingle Peninsula properly you will need a full day leaving Killarney at around 10 am and returning around 6 pm.

Directions for Dingle/Slea Head day trip Leaving The Lake Hotel, take a left turn at the main road and head for Killarney town, take the Killorglin road (N70). Turn right at the Golden Nugget Bar (N72) to Miltown. Castlemaine next (Wild Colonial Boy, Jack Duggan came from here) head for Inch Beach (do not drive your car on any beach in Kerry!) where some of Ryan's Daughter was filmed. Passing the Anascaul Rivermouth you may want to turn right for Anascaul and Tom Crean's South Pole Inn Pub. It was here Tom Crean, the famous South Pole Explorer, returned after his magnificent expedition with Lord Shackelton and Scott to the South Pole. After this you can continue on to the town of Dingle.

Enjoy a Dingle Peninsula boat trip, experience the maritime history, marine life and breathtaking scenery of Dingle's coastal waters. Visit Ocean World with its Under water Tunnel with Sharks, Turtles and a huge array of fish. Leaving Dingle head for Ventry, home of the legendary Kerry Footballer Paudie O'Shea. You will pass his pub here with its pictures of many famous visitors on the walls.

Prepare your cameras for the next bit of the journey, as this next stage in the journey offers the best coastal scenery this country has to

offer. Spend as much time as you can in this area. Dunbeg Fort and Beehive Huts can be visited along the way, check out Coumeenole Beach just after the Crucifix at Slea Head, it is the most westerly beach in Europe, New York 3000 miles (do not swim here because of strong currents!) As you look west you can see Great Blasket Island the home of Peig Sayers and to the North West Inishtooskert (the sleeping giant!). Head back via The Conor Pass, stop at the car park at the top and stretch your legs, looking south you can see the Skelligs in the distance and Dingle Bay, and to the North, Brandon Bay and the Hog Islands also known as one of Ireland's top Surfing and Wind Surfing destinations and known as the "Hawaii of Europe".

Descending to near sea level on the left is a short road to Kilcummin Beach. Here lies a huge anchor as a monument for those who died in 1894 on the Port Yarook, a Californian registered ship which took refuge from the strong southerly winds but unaware of the





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huge Northern Swells which arrive here on a consistent basis, all met their death that day. Today in low tide the keel can be seen even to this day from a timber constructed boat. If you are a keen surfer, then Brandon Bay is for you, you can see Dolphins, Whales and Seals here especially when the ocean is calm, Dolphins shoot out of the faces of large waves, racing each other and a walk on the beach here is recommended, with many species of birds also to be seen here. Then on to Tralee via Blennerville and the Windmill and back to The Lake Hotel for a relaxing drink and to ponder on all that you have seen during your trip to Sleat Head.



Entrance to the Island. Due to its sheltered situation and the warming oceanic influence of the Gulf Stream the climate is in some respect almost subtropical, and is favorable to the growth of ornamental plants from many parts of the world. Winters are mild, and frosts are light and of short duration. Average rainfall and humidity levels are high, the mean annual rainfall being 1850 mm (73 inches) with annual totals as high as 2540 mm (100 inches) on record.

BEARA PENINSULA

The Beara Peninsula is the wildest and most romantic of the peninsulas in the South West. Start your journey of discovery at Glengarriff to open out one of the largest of the long peninsulas, which make up the highly indented coastline of the South West of Ireland. The peninsula stretches for a distance of 48km (30 miles) from Glengarriff to Dursey Island and back to Kenmare. We have an unspoilt and magnificent landscape, which sweeps from the spine of the Cahahilly hills down to the shores of Bantry Bay and Kenmare Bay. Garnish Island is a 1.5 Hour drive from The Lake Hotel. Located in the sheltered harbor area of Glengarriff on Bantry Bay, in the Southwest of Ireland, Innacullin is a small island of 40 acres known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of rare beauty. The Island was presented to the people of Ireland by Anna Bryce, the owner of the island in 1953. Harold Peto was the architect and garden designer. Private boat operators bring visitors and a fee is paid separately for the Boat and



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THE RING OF KERRY

To travel the full Ring of Kerry properly you will need a full day leaving Killarney at around 10 am and returning around 6 pm.

Directions for Ring of Kerry day trip: Leaving The Lake Hotel in Killarney turn left 1.5 miles to Killarney, veer left for the Killorglin road, pass Killarney Golf Club on your left (1.5 miles). Killorglin is famous for Puck Fair, a Pagan festival dating back 3000 years (10 / 11 and 12th August each year). Further on you will also pass the Red Fox Inn and Traditional Bog Village just before Glenbeigh. On the other side of Glenbeigh there is a beautiful beach at Rossbeigh, 3 miles of sandy beach, and head back to the N70 to Kells. From the mountain stage there is a great view of Dingle Bay with the Blasket Islands out to sea, take some time to stop and get in some

photos. Cahersiveen is next, home of two stone forts dating back to the 9th. Century, all visitor information can be found at the tower like building, a refurbished R.I.C barracks near the town centre. It is thought that this building was to be built in Asia and someone got the plans crossed. You can also find Ballycabbery Castle (ruin) once a fortress to The McCarthy Mór (as that at Castlough beside The Lake Hotel). Leaving Cahersiveen on your right hand side you can see Valentia Island which can be accessed from Cahersiveen by a car ferry at Renard Pier and exit the Island at the bridge in Portmagee on the other side of Valentia.

Valentia was where the first trans-atlantic cable was laid to America in 1857, you can also visit the Slate Quarry and the Lighthouse, there are many remains of old structures

including Stone (Ring) Forts and Churches. Out to sea you can see The Skellig Rocks, 700 feet out of the Atlantic Ocean, these were lived on by monks as a monastery from the 5th. century. You can visit the rocks by boat and is highly recommended to bring a packed lunch from The Lake Hotel. You now have an option to take the "Skellig Ring" and visit Saint Finians Bay, it is a narrow road but worth it for the breath taking scenery and natural rugged coastline.

Go to Ballinskelligs and then head on to Waterville. Heading on to Waterville turn right at the church and take the coast road into Waterville. In Waterville why not drop in to the Fisherman's Bar at The Butler Arms Hotel for lunch. After lunch walk the beach to stretch your legs, Charlie Chaplin, Shirley McClaine, Walt Disney, Tiger Woods, Payne Stuart and Michael Jordan have all visited here. Next



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you travel on one mile to the village where Charlie Chaplin used to walk every morning, you can visit Charlie Chaplin's statue too. Leaving Waterville you head up and over the mountains at Coomakista Pass, park here and enjoy the views, to the north Ballinskelligs Bay and to the south Derrynane and Castlecove, in the far distance you can see County Cork. If it is a nice day, go to Derrynane, there is a beautiful beach here.

After Caherdaniel head for Staigue Fort (2500 years old) and experience the way it was, 2500 years ago for the Celt's. SNEEM home of the legendary Casey brothers, The New York times wrote: "The Toughest Family That Ever Lived ". Steve Casey was the



undisputed world wrestling champion for more than ten years, when wrestling was "WRESTLING". Joe Louis refused many offers from Steve Casey as he feared this Irish man who could box as well as wrestle; there is a life size statue of Steve (the Crusher) Casey on the left as you leave Sneem. It is said his hands were 15 inches wide from the point of his thumb to the point of his little finger. To complete the Ring of Kerry you head to Kenmare next or turn left and head for Molls Gap. Here you will have a good view of the Mountains of Kerry, left at Molls Gap and you will see lakes on your left with the Black Valley and the Head of the Gap (the Gap of Dunloe) in the distance. At Ladies View you can see The Lake Hotel, that white building in the distance and as you descend you can see the Three Lakes of Killarney. You will pass the Upper Lake and the Middle Lake before you get to Torc Waterfall on your right and then on to Muckross House and Gardens, well worth a visit and stretch those legs after a great day. All that is left is, back to the " Lake " and shower / bath / or relax in the outdoor lake-side Jacuzzi followed by a relaxing drink in the Devil's Punchbowl Bar overlooking the floodlit Castle and lake.

THE GAP OF DUNLOE

To do the Gap trip, you will need to be ready to depart at around 10am and can expect to be finished about 4pm. Details of Gap of Dunloe day trip: The tour starts by bus which will collect visitors from The Lake Hotel around 10.15 AM. Passenger's are then dropped off at Kate Kearney's Cottage just before the mouth of the Gap. Here you can take a Pony and Trap or you can opt to walk 7 miles through the Gap and over the Head of the Gap. You will pass many smaller lakes on route as you travel through the Gap of Dunloe.

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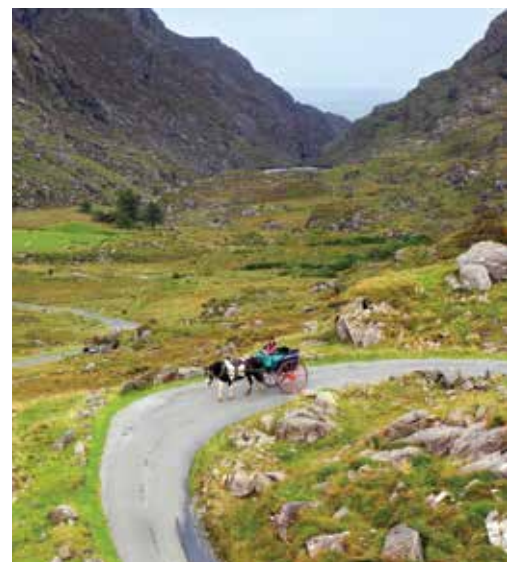
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Then you descend down into the Black Valley and continue on to Lord Brandon's Cottage which is a delightful tea room where snacks and tea and coffee are served. It is a good idea to take a moment to refresh yourself at this point as the next part of the journey is a 13 mile boat journey. The boat trip begins at Lord Brandon's Cottage and heads down to the Upper Lake, you can see Ladies View (where Queen Victoria and her ladies in waiting took their rest) and the high Kerry mountains.

There is a scattering of smaller islands on either side. Next you will head on the Long Range river and six mile bridge with the Eagles Nest on your left. Meandering down the calm flowing river you will get to the Meeting of the Waters, here you will descend down under the right arch into calm flowing waters by Dinis Cottage.

Next it is into the Muckcross Lake (Middle Lake) and on under Brickeen Bridge and into the Lower Lake. Here you will pass by Glens Bay on your left and you can see an old house once frequented by the wealthy and famous. The Rhododendron has now taken over a lot of the grounds around the derelict house. Heading on by Darby's gardens, O'Sullivan's Cascade (unseen) and back by Innisfallen Island (It is said King Brian Boru was educated by the Monks here) into Ross Bay. Here you can see Ross Castle once an O'Donohue Stronghold. In 2007 the reintroduction of the White Tailed Sea Eagle is also a great attraction.

Next it is bus back to The Lake Hotel and relax overlooking the 12th Century Castle with a pint of Guinness and reflect on that magnificent adventure



Hilda Huggard



Hilda Huggard, one of seven children born to hoteliers of international note, Martin and Mary Huggard, spent her formative years in The Butler Arms Hotel, Waterville. On leaving school, she returned to Waterville to assist her parents run their expanding group of Huggard hotels. In 1939 (during WW2), at the age of 23, Hilda moved to Killarney to take over management of The Lake Hotel which her family had purchased from the Hilliard family of Killarney.

There began her love affair with 'Beautiful Killarney' and the hotel she was to own and run for over 50 years. She quickly made her mark both as a pioneering business woman and a sports woman of note. From the beginning, she immersed herself in building and expanding The Lake Hotel as well as promoting Killarney both nationally and internationally as a tourist destination. The Lake Hotel quickly became the 'must go' place for business meetings, celebrations and social events from all over Kerry.

Visitors to The Lake Hotel were personally welcomed by Hilda who knew each one by name and treated them as friends. Both management and staff were trained to achieve high standards and to extend that same warmth to guests while catering for their individual requests. One visit to The Lake Hotel resulted in guests returning year after year and many stayed for a few weeks, renewing friendships made with others staying in the hotel. Guests and staff joined together in the hotel kitchen each evening where Hilda recited the Rosary. Hilda was ahead of her time with her interest in locally sourced and grown food, 'from farm to fork'. She was a great supporter of local businesses and, no matter what her requirement for the hotel, she always bought locally to keep the money in Killarney town. As a sports woman, Hilda was very competitive and liked to win! She was Captain of Killarney Golf Club in 1944 and subsequently became a Life Honorary Member, acknowledging her contribution to the Club. She played Bridge for Ireland and hosted a Bridge Congress for Killarney Bridge Club each May in



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The Lake Hotel, which still continues to this day. A keen horse rider of note, she won the Beach Gallops in Rossbeigh Beach beating all the men who subsequently put up a Cup in her name! She also played badminton, tennis and table-tennis and she loved a swim in the sea. Despite her warm personality, she was shy by nature and slow to put herself forward, but was a formidable lady who became a 'tour de force' when she met with opposition to her vision!

She was very loyal to her family, friends and staff whose company she enjoyed. Hilda Huggard would be proud today to see her nephews Tony, Colman, Niall and Joseph carry the Huggard standards and traditions of family hospitality into a new century.

