

DORMY HOUSE HOTEL



emergency services to clear the route in. "Supplies had just about run out; guests had been helping staff prepare meals out of the kitchen. Thank goodness we had the emergency generator which we were able to run on filtered diesel to supply the hotel with power for hot water, heating and lighting!"

*The marketing manager
providing shelter in a storm*

Weather played its part for marketing manager Orazio Pollaci's most memorable time too. Orazio, who has been with the hotel for 12 years, remembers the great floods of July 2007 when it rained non-stop. He says: "As the day wore on and the rain beat down it soon became apparent that we were a haven from the storm



for stranded travellers. The roads to Evesham were cut off from the north by the deluge and because of our vantage point on Willersey Hill we became a beacon for those who couldn't get home." Orazio, always flexible in a crisis, quickly oversaw the turning of the Barn Owl Restaurant into a temporary dormitory. With food and shelter from the great storm, those that found themselves 'homeless' actually passed an enjoyable night sharing tales of their epic journeys trying to get home with each other well into the early hours. Orazio says, "I even had to get my wellies on and rescue a couple whose car was stuck in the floods nearby." ■

It ended up with me chasing Kenny Everett round the restaurant in true *Tom and Jerry* fashion.

General manager
David Field