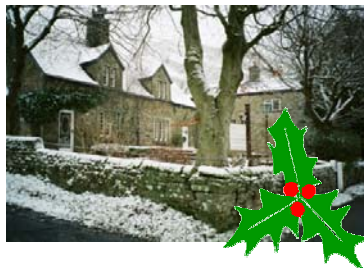


News from West Winds in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales

1 December 2009

Special seasonal menu set to run over Christmas and New Year at West Winds



We've already had our first little flurries of snow in Buckden and Christmas is now looming large and bright on the horizon. It seems only yesterday when we were last thinking about Christmas and, in particular, our Christmas menu!

Sitting down with a pencil deciding what to cook and bake for the Christmas period is always a mouth-watering experience for us and this year we'll be offering some of our own favourites as well as things that have gone down well in previous years. So, if you pay us a visit during the week between Christmas and New Year, you will be able to choose from some delicious main courses, cakes and desserts, including roast pheasant and apricot pie, giant Yorkshire puddings filled with turkey casserole and hazelnut stuffing with cranberry sauce, a five-Yorkshire-cheese salad, Christmas star pie with brandy butter, freshly baked scones with Yorkshire clotted cream, 'double brandy' fruitcake with a slice of Wensleydale and Cranberry cheese, rich chocolate orange cake, Christmas caramel shortcake, hot punch and much more besides. And if we can find a large sack of chestnuts, there'll be complimentary Aga-roasted chestnuts too!

We'll also be putting up traditional Christmas decorations and making sure there are plenty of logs in for the fire.

If you are in the Dales over Christmas, we'd be delighted to see you. The tearooms will be open every day from **Sunday 27 December to Sunday 3 January, from 12.30pm to 5pm.**

Key Christmas dates in and around Buckden now fixed



There is a veritable Christmas stocking of activities going on in Buckden over the Christmas period, including concerts, carol singing and, of course, the traditional knees-up in the Buck Inn on New Year's Eve. The following dates are correct as far as we can tell!

Friday 18 December **Christmas concert** by the **Buckden Singers**, Kettlewell Village Hall. Tickets 01756 760399

Saturday 19 December **Christmas concert** by the **Buckden Singers**, Buckden Village Hall. Tickets 01756 760399

Thursday 24 December **Family Christingle and crib service**, Hubberholme Church, 4pm

Thursday 24 December Informal **carol singing** around Buckden village, 6.30pm (turn your lights off if you dare!)

Thursday 24 December **Midnight service**, Hubberholme Church, 11.30pm

Sunday 27 December **Carol service by candlelight**, Hubberholme Church, 7pm (don't stand under the candle holders in your best suit!)

Thursday 31 December **New Year's Eve buffet and 60s disco**, Buck Inn, Buckden. Tickets £25 from 01756 760228

Thursday 31 December Traditional **New Year's Eve with guitars and singing** expected at George Inn, Hubberholme (check with pub on 01756 760223)

Monday 11 January **Land Letting Ceremony**, George Inn, Hubberholme, 8.30pm

The Buckden village website at www.buckden.org has up-to-date details of most things happening in the village. The picture shows young Dominic Roe from the village, taken by Gordon Nowell. It actually forms the front cover of a village Christmas card, sold in aid of village hall funds. See <http://www.vetch.co.uk/buckden2/cards.pdf> for details.

Some B&B vacancies left for festive period



There are still some vacancies for bed and breakfast at West Winds over the festive period. If you are thinking of spending a short festive break in the Dales, then we'll make sure you stay warm and well fed! At the moment, there is plenty of room available during the week before Christmas and from Sunday 27 to Wednesday 30 December, with one or two vacancies on New Year's Eve and the days following.

You can send an e-mail enquiry about accommodation from our website at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or call us on 01756 760883.

Home Farm Trust benefits from generosity of West Winds customers and guests



Thank you so much to everyone who bought Home Farm Trust Christmas cards from West Winds, who made a donation during the year or who came to our fund-raising coffee morning in October. The total raised this year came to £844.72 and this will go towards funding the work of this worthwhile charity, which provides care and support for people with learning disabilities.

Customers and guests at West Winds have also raised around £100 this year for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust through buying postcards and greetings cards. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust looks after Grass Wood near Grassington. For more information on the Home Farm Trust, visit www.hft.org.uk and to find out more about the work of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, visit www.ywt.org.uk

West Winds Autumn Collection now posted on Flickr



During the short periods when it has stopped raining, we've been out with the camera again, trying to capture the essence of autumn in Upper Wharfedale. It has been a tremendous year for sloe berries (pictured left) and not a bad one for rose hips too. Lynn is making some sloe gin and Steve has made some rosehip jelly that goes rather well with chicken and game.

To see the full range of pictures, visit www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk and click on Autumn Collection.

Win a free stay or a Luxury Christmas Afternoon Tea for two at West Winds



If you've read through this far, then we think you deserve the chance of a prize! So, we're offering a free night's bed and breakfast for two or a Luxury Christmas Afternoon Tea for two at West Winds to one lucky reader. All you have to do is send us the correct answer to the following festive question:

What are the three main ingredients of brandy butter?

Send your answer to lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or to West Winds, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA with your name, address and phone number to arrive no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 8 December 2009.

The winner will be able to choose **either** a voucher for a one-night stay at West Winds for two people to be used before Sunday 3 January 2010 **or** a voucher for a Luxury Christmas Afternoon Tea for two at West Winds to be used between Sunday 27 December 2009 and Sunday 3 January 2010.

Terms and conditions

1. Only one entry can be accepted per person or per e-mail or postal address.
2. The draw will be made on Tuesday 8 December 2009.
3. The winner will be chosen at random from all correct answers received by the closing time.
4. The winner will be notified by e-mail or phone on Tuesday 8 December 2009.
5. The prize must be used during the time periods stated and there is no cash or other alternative.
6. The winner's name will be published in the next West Winds newsletter and is also available on application after Tuesday 8 December 2009.
7. The judges' decision is final and no discussion will be entered into.

*If we don't see you before, please let us wish you
a very special Christmas*

With best wishes from all of us at West Winds

*Lynn, Elsie, Charlotte, Sarah, Sophie, Tim and Steve, not forgetting
Toffee and Sebastian*



West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms

Up the lane beside the Buck Inn...

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