

News from **West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms**
in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales
Sunday 21 July 2013

Celebrate Yorkshire Day with a slice of proper curd tart!



Thursday 1 August 2013 is fast approaching and with it the opportunity to hoist your Yorkshire flag (left) and proclaim pride in what is widely argued to be England's best county. Yes, **Yorkshire Day** is on the way...

And what better way could there be to pay your respects to Yorkshire than by enjoying a piece of Yorkshire curd tart (left) at West Winds? Or a piece of Yorkshire parkin, Yorkshire gammon and eggs or a Yorkshire pudding containing Great Yorkshire Sausages? Also on the menu by the beginning of August will be home-made venison and Old Peculier pies, with the venison raised at Round Green Farm in South Yorkshire and the ale made, of course, by Theakston's of Masham.



But what exactly is Yorkshire Day anyway? Some might snigger and see it as a backfire-prone celebration of northern icons from whippets to cloth caps to chips, but there's far more substance to it than that. Yorkshire Day marks the Battle of Minden of 1759 in which the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry displayed particular courage.

Not only that, but it is the birthday of Hannah Hauxwell (left), solitary North Country farmer and unofficial heroine of Yorkshire. She led an inspiring no-frills lifestyle at Low Birk Hatt Farm in Baldersdale off Teesdale (then part of Yorkshire's North Riding) during the 1960s and 70s. Now retired, she still lives by herself but in a cottage at Cotherstone, just a few miles from Birk Hatt. This year she will be 187.



But the real reason for Yorkshire Day goes back to local government reorganisation almost 40 years ago. Wind back to 1974 when national government effectively declared war on Yorkshire and its ancient Ridings. London did its best to bulldoze the Ridings into history and, much worse, handed parts of Yorkshire's sacred earth over to neighbouring counties. The Yorkshire Ridings Society was born out of indignation at it all and Yorkshire Day was brought in as an annual call for the integrity of Yorkshire and its Ridings to be recognised.

This year there will be a string of events to turn eyes in Yorkshire's direction. Skipton will host the official Yorkshire Day celebrations while the Yorkshire Ridings Society itself aims to fly Yorkshire flags at towns and villages all round the county boundary. For more information on Yorkshire Day, visit www.yorkshireridings.org

Last few places available for main August barbecue



There are just a few places left for our August **wood-fired barbecue evening**, which takes place on Saturday 3 August 2013.

We'll be serving a hearty spread of meaty (left) and vegetarian items, grilled over a proper wood fire, accompanied by delicious mixed salads and crispy jacket potatoes. This will be followed by an opportunity to toast your own twisters and marshmallows over the embers. You can bring your own wine or beer, or pop down to the Buck Inn to order drinks.

Advance booking is essential, so to reserve places, e-mail us at lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or call us on 01756 760883. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £7 for 10-16 year olds, inclusive of four grilled items, salads and baked potato, hot spiced apple juice, hot chocolate, twisters and marshmallows.

Please note that sadly we cannot accept under-10s or dogs. The barbecue will also inevitably be subject to the weather – no-one wants to sit in the rain, after all – and we will confirm whether it will go ahead at lunchtime on the day.

For more details, see www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/tearooms.asp

Extra summer holiday barbecue will provide family-friendly atmosphere



Often the people who have the most fun at our wood-fired, candle-lit barbecues are the youngsters who can't wait to finish their banquet of grilled sausages, chicken, burgers and pork ribs because it means they can then get on with toasting twisters and marshmallows.

So on Wednesday 21 August 2013, we will be holding a **special family barbecue** for children aged ten and over and their parents. There will be plenty of food, hot apple juice and other soft drinks and, of course, those all-important sweet-dough twisters and flumpy white and pink things to brown over the embers. Our waitress Stephanie (left) is a master-toaster (and school Head Girl!) and will demonstrate on the night. Hot chocolate round the fire will round the evening off. But that's not all, we're planning a few surprises designed to keep the little-uns entertained!

The West Winds Family Barbecue will start around 6pm and finish by 9.30pm. Advance booking is essential, so to reserve places, e-mail us at lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or call us on 01756 760883. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £7 for 10-16 year olds, inclusive of everything. Children must be accompanied by adults (and adults by children) and sadly we cannot allow dogs. Again, the evening will be dependent on the weather being dry.

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Apple festival is on as summer heatwave brings rosy outlook



This summer's fine weather is being received with nervous enthusiasm by apple growers in Yorkshire. Unlike in the previous two years, the crucial pollination period coincided this year with fine weather and good bee activity. Some apple producers are, however, worried it might get too dry. "Apples get their sweetness from the sun but their size from the rain," one told us.

Anyway, it's all looking fairly promising for our annual **apple festival** in October. We're hoping to secure a range of apples from Ampleforth Abbey Orchard and Helmsley Walled Garden for you to taste and take home. Some will be old English varieties, like the Ribston Pippin (left) which was raised at Knaresborough in the 17th century, while others will be varieties that originated in other parts of the world.

There'll be more details nearer the time but pencil the dates Saturday 26 October to Sunday 3 November 2013 in your diary.

Luxury Yorkshire Afternoon Tea is the ultimate teatime experience



Each time some people finish one of our **Luxury Yorkshire Afternoon Teas**, we receive a stream of compliments that continue for ages. This is partly because they have eaten so much they can't move. At £25.60 for two people, our flagship menu item represents Yorkshire value for money.

It also offers a journey of discovery into local produce. Farm ham comes from East Yorkshire, beef from Bolton Abbey, cheese from Richmond, jams and chutneys from York or made at West Winds, eggs from Hubberholme or Skipton, cream from Grassington, salad partly from our cottage garden, chocolates from Skipton and other ingredients from inside Yorkshire too. Plus you get to savour some of our best cakes, made to secret old Yorkshire recipes.

We are so pleased with our Luxury Yorkshire Afternoon Tea that we have entered it into the Deliciously Yorkshire Awards for 2013. We'll let you know how we get on. In the meantime, why not be your own judge... ?

To see where all our produce comes from, visit **Meet the Producers** under Related Downloads at

www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/tearooms.asp

Win barbecue tickets for you and your mum or dad!



If you are aged ten to 16, then read on. If you are older than that, go and get a child from somewhere to help you both get free tickets to the West Winds Family Barbecue on Wednesday 21 August 2013.

Now children, sorry young adults...

To win tickets to the barbecue for you and either your mum or dad, just answer the following question correctly.

Question: There is a deliberate mistake in this newsletter. What is it?

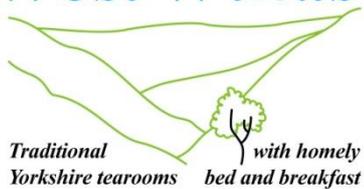
To enter, send your answer to lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or to West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA to arrive not a second later than high noon on **Monday 5 August 2012**.

We will then choose one lucky winner. Good luck!

Terms and conditions

1. Only one entry can be accepted per person or per e-mail address.
2. You must be aged from ten to 16 to enter.
3. Staff at West Winds are not allowed to enter.
4. There is one prize, which is tickets for one child and one adult to attend the West Winds Family Barbecue on Wednesday 21 August 2013.
5. The prize will be allocated on Monday 5 August 2012.
6. The winner will be chosen at random from all correct answers received by the closing time.
7. The winner will be notified by e-mail, phone or post on or soon after Monday 5 August 2012.
8. The prize must be claimed in person on Wednesday 21 August 2013 and is not transferable to any other date. There is no cash or other alternative.
9. The winner's name will be available on application after Monday 5 August 2012.
10. The judges' decision is final and you must not pull any funny faces at them if you don't win.

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