

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

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Wharfedale craftsman returns to West Winds for August Bank Holiday



Traditional woodworking demands skill and patience and **Richard Humpidge** shows plenty of both when he turns locally gathered green-wood into furniture and other craft items. During this coming Sunday and Monday, Richard will be at West Winds again where he will **demonstrate his skills** – and if it rains, his patience too – in the tea-garden.

Richard will be showing how he makes some of his classic items, including chairs, coffee tables, bird boxes and woven seats. He'll also be bringing a range of toys to sell, including his trademark dinosaur jigsaws (left).

This is an ideal opportunity to bring the children and let Richard show them what can be done with a simple lump of Wharfedale wood. Naturally there will also be a craftsman-like – but less chewy – menu in the tearoom to explore too, so why not make a day of it?

Richard will be at West Winds on **Sunday 28 and Monday 29 August 2011** from 12.30pm to 6pm.

If you would like to win some quality time with our craftsman, washed down with tea and cakes, see below for this month's competition.

For more details visit www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/tearooms.asp

Annual Buckden Art Exhibition starts on Saturday



This year's **exhibition of locally inspired paintings** takes place in Buckden Village Hall, opposite West Winds, from Saturday 27 August to Sunday 4 September 2011.

On display will be the latest work from Upper Wharfedale artists such as Angela Falshaw. Her picture on the left shows Langstrothdale in winter mood. Angela has been painting local scenes for many years and farms at Hubberholme with her son Mark and his partner Sarah.

All the pictures on display are for sale but, don't worry, the exhibition is free to enter... The doors are open from 11am to 5pm.

Bill Mitchell holds tearoom spellbound with tales of Alfred Wainwright



Historian, author and raconteur **Bill Mitchell MBE** (left, holding book) brought some of his many books to West Winds earlier this month, signing copies, reading extracts and talking about old Yorkshire.

WR Mitchell was born in Skipton in 1928. After gaining journalistic experience on the *Craven Herald*, he joined the *Dalesman* in 1948. In 1968 he became Editor, a role he continued for the next 20 years. Bill also edited the sister magazine *Cumbria* for many years. He retired in 1988, but continued to write about Yorkshire, producing well over 100 books and many articles for magazines and local newspapers.

Bill Mitchell is the first to admit that Yorkshire and the Dales have changed over eight decades but he remains philosophical about the impact of modern life. He said: "It's nice to remember the old Dales but also nice to live in the new Dales. The Dales may have changed but there is an eternal quality to life here."

For more information about Bill Mitchell and his books, visit

<http://settledownbooks.co.uk/local-authors/w-r-mitchell/>

Les Packham woos tearoom visitors with fine art



Les Packham came to West Winds during a soggy weekend in July to show how he creates his own unique watercolours. Les (left) is a well known professional Yorkshire artist and came to West Winds fresh from an appearance at the Great Yorkshire Show.

If you missed his demonstration at the tearooms, you can see some of his work at www.lespackham.co.uk

West Winds garden provides secret ingredient for fabulous chocolate cake



Yes, it's beetroot. We harvested our first batch of this much misunderstood vegetable a couple of weeks ago and the West Winds menu now offers you the chance to indulge yourself with **chocolate beetroot cake**. And it *is* an indulgence! Forget memories of that vinegar-soaked unwanted addition to salads at grandma's, and prepare yourself for something rich and excruciatingly chocolatey, with a hint of something delightfully different...

Tea and cakes for two and an introduction to woodcraft!



We have another **scrumptious prize** to hand out to a reader with a soft spot for some of our soft and gooey cakes. Plus, you get some time with Wharfedale woodman Richard Humpidge (left), who will give you a personal introduction to creating all things woody from logs, branches and sticks. All you have to do to win is answer the following question...

What tree often found on the limestone ledges of Upper Wharfedale has a name that rhymes with bash, cash and dash?

The first correct answer pulled out of the teapot will **win tea and cakes at West Winds** for up to two people during Richard Humpidge's visit to West Winds this coming weekend. You will also receive a **personal welcome and introduction to woodcraft** from Richard. Bring a friend – or just bring yourself!

To enter, send your answer to lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or to West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA to arrive by high noon on **Friday 26 August 2011**. *Please note the prize must be taken on Sunday 28 or Monday 29 August 2011. If you can't come to West Winds then, please don't enter...*

Terms and conditions

1. Only one entry can be accepted per person or per e-mail or postal address.
2. Staff at West Winds are not allowed to enter. You get cake with your afternoon mug of tea anyway.
3. The prize will be allocated soon after 12 noon on Friday 26 August 2011.
4. The winner will be chosen at random from all correct answers received by the closing time.
5. In the event of a teapot not being available for the draw, another suitable and appropriate container will be used.
6. The winner will be notified by e-mail or phone on Friday 26 August 2011.
7. The prize must be claimed in person on Sunday 28 or Monday 29 August 2011 and there are no cash or other alternatives.
8. The winner's name will be available on application after Friday 26 August 2011.
9. The judges' decision is final and no discussion, arguments or fights will be entered into.
10. As usual, if no-one enters the correct answer, we will simply eat the prize ourselves.



West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms

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