

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

Saturday 3 December 2011

Tearooms provide seasonal cheer over Christmas and New Year



We're pleased to announce that West Winds (pictured left) will be open over the Christmas and New Year holiday to help warm you up after that get-rid-of-the-extra-pounds walk in the Dales.

In the tearooms you'll easily be able to put the pounds back on again with roasted chestnuts, pheasant pie with sloe jelly, pork and bacon casserole, quiche with rosehip jelly, double brandy fruitcake with Wensleydale cheese, chocolate orange cake, Christmas star pie, hot spicy punch and much more. And, of course, the fire will be stacked high with logs, and traditional decorations will complete the festive scene.



We'll be open from 11.30am to 4pm on the following days:

Saturday 24 December 2011 (Christmas Eve; limited menu)
Tuesday 27 December 2011
Wednesday 28 December 2011
Thursday 29 December 2011
Friday 30 December 2011
Saturday 31 December 2011 (New Year's Eve)
Sunday 1 January 2012 (New Year's Day)
Monday 2 January 2012



Bed and breakfast will be available from Tuesday 27 December 2011 to Monday 2 January 2012. We have one double room and two single rooms; bed and breakfast costs £29 per person for the first night, falling to £24 for subsequent nights. Full board is also available by arrangement. To make a booking, please e-mail us at lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or call us on 01756 760883.

By the way, this year's candlelit carol service at Hubberholme Church is on Sunday 1 January 2012 at 7pm.

If you are in Buckden over the holiday period, please do call in and see us. We'll do our best to fill you with Christmas cheer and fine food.

Do your Christmas shopping at West Winds...



An invitation to stay at West Winds in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales...

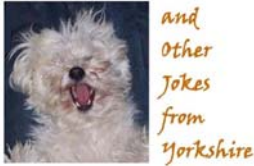
The voucher entitles you to bed and breakfast for two people, including tax and homemade cake or mince, hot brown chocolate and full English breakfast. Please call to book your stay.



There's no need to charge around the shopping centre in a blind panic on Christmas Eve – you can do your Christmas shopping with us through the post!

How about giving a West Winds voucher (see left) as a Christmas gift for the more discerning Dales visitor? We can make up a tearoom or bed and breakfast voucher to any amount. Particularly popular are our Luxury

Shaggy Dog Stories



A Family Joke Book
A full week of stomach-tickling humour...

Yorkshire Afternoon Tea for Two vouchers, which cost £24.80 post-free. E-mail your requirements to lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or call us on 01756 760883. You can pay by cheque or through PayPal on our website at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/dalesgifts.asp

And for the ultimate stocking-filling giggler, look no further than **Shaggy Dog Stories and Other Jokes from Yorkshire** (see left). You can order this family-friendly jokebook from West Winds for just £4.20 (including postage and packing). You can buy it at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/dalesgifts.asp or by calling us on 01756 760883.

But clearly we need to whet your appetite first, so try this:

“Doctor, Doctor – you must help me. I keep losing my temper with people.”
“Tell me about your problem.”
“I just did, you stupid idiot!”

Or this...

A cosmetics tanker has overturned on the M62 in West Yorkshire, spilling a full load of shampoo on the road. Police are now appealing for 800 gallons of conditioner.

The mystery of the skeleton in the lead mine could finally be solved

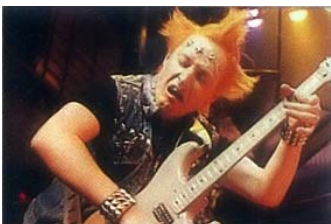


In the 1890s a man entered disused lead mines near Buckden (see left), never to emerge alive. His skeleton was found there in 1964. He could not be identified at the time and has been dubbed ‘Buckden Bill’ ever since. With him were some fascinating bits and pieces from a bygone age, a sixpenny piece dated 1872, two shilling pieces dated 1885 and his walking stick and felt hat. But who was ‘Bill’ and why did he go into the mine?

Now there could be some answers. A local journalist has dug deep into local history with the help of the Northern Mine Research Society and the mystery that has puzzled and fascinated local people and visitors alike through half a century could well be solved. Finally, it seems, we can put a real name to Buckden Bill.

To read the full story, make sure you get a copy of the January 2012 edition of the *Dalesman*. It’s on sale from Christmas Eve.

Buckden Singers move to the small screen after Christmas concerts



Lynn and the rest of the Buckden Singers should be appearing on television with Adrian Edmondson of *The Young Ones* in the spring. He has calmed down a bit since this picture was taken and now presents *The Dales* programme on ITV. Film crews were present at choir rehearsals in the autumn and the man himself went to one rehearsal to join the choir in singing the old Clash classic *I fought the law*.

Before then, of course, the Buckden Singers invite you to join them at their Christmas concerts, where they will perform both a traditional and a modern take on the Christmas story. Concerts are in Buckden Village Hall on Saturday 10 December 2011 at 2pm and on Saturday 17 December 2011 at 7.30pm. For tickets e-mail tickets@buckden.org or call 01756 760399.

Looking forward to 2012



Clearly January and February are not really tea-and-cake weather in the Dales, so after the Christmas and New Year period we will be closing.

Both the tearooms and bed and breakfast will be reopening on Saturday 17 March 2012. This is the day before Mothering Sunday. Next year Easter Sunday falls on 8 April, which means there's still plenty of time to get your Easter eggs...

It's a long time ahead, we know, but if you're looking to stay at West Winds next spring, we'll be taking bookings for 2012 from 1 January.

As ever, full details of what we have to offer in 2012 will be up on our website at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk in good time.

A big thankyou from us to you...



Thank you for your interest in West Winds over the past year, particularly if you've visited the tearooms or stayed with us. It's been a rotten year weather-wise and quite a number of our outdoor special events have turned into indoor ones, but the thing that keeps us going is the pleasure of seeing people – old faces and new faces; local people and visitors – enjoying their food in the tearoom or arriving to spend the night.

We would also like to thank our hard-working staff, whose patience and cheerfulness have been never-ending. Thank you Annabel, Charlotte, Jane, Rachael, Sarah and Sophie.

May you all have a fantastic Christmas, albeit one that's just a little bit warmer than last year...

Lynn and Steve (see left)



West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms

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