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## West Winds Tearooms with Walker's Lodge in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales

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### And it's goodbye from us...

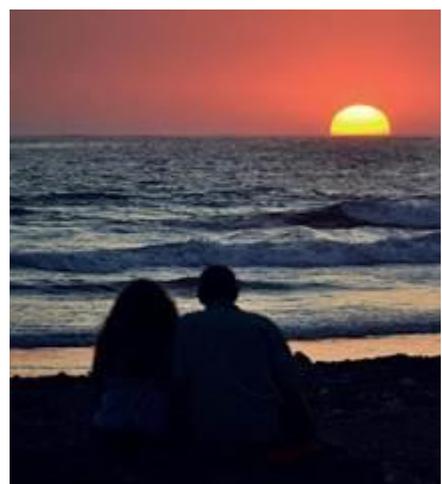


August Bank Holiday 1982 seems a long, long time ago. Lynn opened West Winds Tearooms that weekend with her mum, Elsie, helping to prepare food and her dad, Charlie, on the washing-up. Almost 38 years later, Lynn, and now Stephen, are still here. But not for long.

We have decided it is time to have a change and try something a little different. Consequently West Winds is in the process of being sold. The new owners are Angela and Paul Wood from Kettlewell and they plan to continue offering bed and breakfast with no dramatic changes planned over the coming year. They are very nice people and we are sure they will both settle into the Buckden community well and continue to offer a warm welcome to walkers travelling through Buckden or coming to stay for the weekend. Please do give them your support. The tearooms at West Winds will not reopen this season.



The phone number for West Winds will remain the same but the email address will be [westwindsbuckden@gmail.com](mailto:westwindsbuckden@gmail.com) Bed and breakfast is available from Friday 15 May. If you have already booked for a stay this year, you should have received details of the change-over and also details of precautions against Coronavirus.



As for us, we would like to thank a lot of people we have met over the years. First of all, our fantastic staff, who have given so much and helped put a spring in our step. With the very grave danger of missing someone out, we are going to try to name them all. So, thank you, in no particular order, to Emma, Lily, Polly, Mollie, Steph, Rachael, Sarah, Jane, Annabel, Sophie, Charlotte, Robyn, Avril, Christine, Tiffany, Sarah, Nikki, Jayne, Michelle, Amy, Joanne, Sophie, Sarah, Janet, Ruth, Ellie, Paula, Tim and Laura.

A big thank you also to all our suppliers of artisan produce down the years, especially Crofters Fine Foods, Michael Lee, Anna's Happy Trotters, Swaledale Cheese Company, Grumpy Mule, Bronte Cheese Company, Wensleydale Creamery, Dales Dairies, Northumberland Cheese Company, Lymn Bank Farm, Bracken Hill Fine Foods, Henderson's, Sturdy Foods, Stamford Farm, Manchester Smoke House, Peckish Kitchen, Fentiman's, Whitaker's, Yorkshire Provender, Lishman's, Fiddler's, Round Green Farm, Holme Farm,

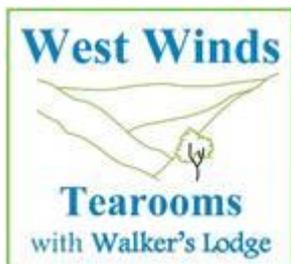
Three Little Pigs, Yellison's, Acorn Dairy and our friendly tearoom rivals in Buckden, Gordon and the irreplaceable John, who topped us up with milk whenever we ran out.

Grateful thanks to anyone who gave us crockery and other equipment over the years, not least Charmian, who set Lynn up in teapots right at the start.

Thank you to the many organisations that have helped us, including Graham Howe's Solarfish, Deliciously Yorkshire, Friends of the Dales, Contours, Sherpa Van, Brigantes, Mickledore, Macs Adventure, Alpine Exploratory and the people who tirelessly promote the Dales Way, the Inn Way, Wainwright's Pennine Journey and the Lady Anne Way.

Finally, and most of all, we would like to warmly and sincerely thank all our tearoom customers and overnight guests. We have enjoyed getting to know you and will take many lovely memories away with us. We are sorry to leave you tea-less after all these years but all things must come to an end so that new things can start. We hope you enjoy eating your cake in the days, weeks and years to come. Maybe we will bump into you in another teashop one day! In the meantime, you can continue to contact us for the moment at [lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk)

Very best wishes from Lynn and Stephen



*Eat and drink. Sit and chat. Rest and stay*

**Lynn Thornborrow. Stephen Hounsham**

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