

News from **West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms**
in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales
Monday 31 March 2014

Spring declared as West Winds opens its doors...



It has been a long, wet winter in Buckden, as it has, of course, for many people around the country. Still, with the clocks having now sprung forward and with warmer weather doing its best to break through, it really is all downhill to summer. In confirmation of the arrival of spring, the fritillaries and marsh marigolds in our garden meadow are poised to flower.



The tearooms and guesthouse at West Winds open again on Saturday 5 April 2014 and we hope you will come to visit us soon. The tearooms will usually be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. As last year, we will be offering a full menu of hot and cold meals and snacks from 12.30pm to 3pm and then switching to a very civilised menu of Afternoon Tea, sandwiches and cakes. And we are delighted to announce that our top notch waitresses, Rachael and Stephanie, will be working in the tearooms again this year.



Our lunchtime menu will have something for everyone. And the pies will definitely have it – if all goes well, we hope to be offering pheasant pie and cheese and cashew nut pie from Saturday. There will also be tasty Great Yorkshire sausages from Anna's Happy Trotters, served in a Yorkshire pudding with gravy, or for vegetarians, spicy lentil sausages made by Andrew Bancroft of Hebden. And, of course, if you want the full works, you can choose Yorkshire gammon and eggs, served with all the trimmings. You may prefer a lighter salad or sandwich, naturally. We'll have cheeses from the Swaledale Cheese Company at Richmond and Shepherd's Purse at Thirsk.

Needless to say, our cake cabinet will be full too. Quite what we'll be baking for the weekend, we haven't decided yet but expect all the old favourites and maybe some surprises too. And we'll be selling cakes to take away, as well West Winds chocolates, Bracken Hill jams and chutneys, Pontefract Cakes, Yorkshire Crisps and, hopefully, some more of Marcus Cordingley's yummy Yorkshire honey.

If you're making a special trip to Buckden, we'd be delighted to reserve a table for you. Just call us on 01756 760883 or e-mail us at lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk As ever, there are full details on our website at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/tearooms.asp

Buckden now busy saddling up for Tour de France...



Unless you've been in a locked room on the Moon wearing ear defenders for the past year, you will have heard that the Tour de France is set to come through Buckden on Saturday 5 July 2014 at around lunchtime.

To mark the occasion, West Winds will be open from 11am to 6pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday with an all-day menu of hot and cold meals, sandwiches, snacks and cakes. Like everyone else, we have absolutely no idea how busy things are likely to be but it will be a case of first come, first served!

Our bed and breakfast is fully booked for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday but we still have two single rooms available for Sunday 6 July 2014. A number of campsites will be springing up for the weekend. For details, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upper-wharfedale/places-to-stay (for Buckden), www.kidstonescamping.co.uk (for Cray), www.kettlewellcamping.co.uk (for Kettlewell) or www.velofest.co.uk (for Kilnsey).

To find out more about the Grand Départ of the Tour de France in Yorkshire, visit <http://letour.yorkshire.com> or the unofficial bootleg site at www.letourguide.com You can also purchase a Buckden Tour de France 'T' shirt – visit <http://drafttwo.beckcottage.com>

Please note that the main road up Wharfedale will be closed from early in the morning on the Saturday and there are unlikely to be any bus services on that day or the Sunday.

Bed and breakfast still remarkably good value...



This year we are offering one double room and two single rooms with a range of extras at surprisingly good value. Staying at West Winds is more than just a bed for the night – when you arrive we greet you with complimentary tea and cake in our tearooms and in your room you'll find local chocolates from Whitaker's of Skipton and a bowl of fresh organic fruit. The following morning you can feast on a wide choice of breakfast options, including full-on English, vegetarian English, locally made granola with natural yoghurt and Yorkshire cheeses.

All this costs just £30 per person for the first night. For subsequent nights, the price falls to £25. If you'd like to have the place to yourselves, you can book all three of our rooms for £108 for four people or £95 for three.

Our bookings diary is already filling up, so do book sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. You can check availability at www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/bedbreakfast.asp

Wharfedale buses slashed in timetable shake-up...



Due to cuts in the subsidy given to bus companies by North Yorkshire County Council, there will be significant changes to the bus services between Skipton, Ilkley and Buckden from Tuesday 22 April 2014. There will now be just four No. 72 buses a day, Monday to Saturday, from Skipton to Buckden, down from the current six. New departure times from Skipton Bus Station are 08.00, 10.40, 14.00 and 15.30 (school days) or 15.40 (Saturdays and school holidays).

From Buckden there are five options to get to Skipton, Monday to Saturday, with No. 72 buses leaving the village at 07.30 (school days only), 09.30, 12.00 (involves a 40-minute wait in Grassington), 15.30 and 17.00 (involves a 40-minute wait in Grassington).

From Tuesday 22 April 2014 there will be two No. 74 buses a day, Monday to Saturday, from Ilkley Station to Grassington with a connection to Buckden, leaving at 10.10 and 13.45. And if you want to get to Ilkley from Buckden, there are two main options, leaving the village at 12.00 and 17.00.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays between 20 April and 19 October there are useful morning buses (800 series) from Wakefield, Leeds, Otley and Ilkley to Buckden, with return buses in the afternoon.

For full details, see www.prideofthedailes.co.uk or www.dalesbus.org or www.traveline.info

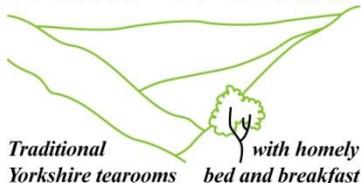
Lynn's Teatime Cakes now able to supply desserts...



We can supply a range of tasty cakes baked to order for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own tearooms at home. This year Lynn's Teatime Cakes is offering an enlarged range of goodies, including desserts, gateaux, great Yorkshire icons, tea-party treats and both fruit and savoury scones.

To see what we can do for you, visit www.teatimecakes.net To place an order, call 01756 760883 or e-mail lynn@teatimecakes.net Please order at least 48 hours in advance and collect your order from West Winds.

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