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

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Kittens give owners paws for thought...



We're in a right cat flap at West Winds! You'll remember that we acquired **the gorgeous William and Harry** around May time and they've been a big hit with many customers. Despite being feral kittens, they have no fear of people at all and want to make friends with everyone.

However, tom cats are known to go roaming when certain urges begin to take grip. The thought of them leaving home and scouring the hills for days on end, and then perhaps committing atrocities, left us with no choice. It had to be the snip for William and Harry.

So they travelled down the dale to Skipton to meet their fate. But things were not to be. The vet said he couldn't neuter our two boys. Were they not old enough? It wasn't that, he explained, more that they weren't boys at all. All this time, we have been bringing them up as lads, encouraging them to kick a football around the garden, trying to teach them to burp, making them choose blue over pink and all that and it turns out we have a couple of girls on our hands!

Stephen blames his mistake on having gone to an all-boys school. Lynn has no such excuse. As for Bobby, our bona fide male cat, well, he has been keeping very quiet all along. We now know why he's so keen to share a cat basket with them!

Obviously they will have to be renamed but senior managers at West Winds are struggling to agree on new versions. We did wonder about Williemme and Harri, or perhaps even Kate and Meghan, but they haven't stuck. Both sides in the negotiations, however, have declared they don't want to leave the issue without a deal and they may well agree a backstop arrangement in the meantime.

It's still time for tea in November...



The 'summer' season at West Winds comes to an end on Sunday 3 November, the end of the half-term holiday. However, we can now announce that we will be **open at weekends after that** until Sunday 1 December. There is, therefore, no need to go without tea and cake for the time being.

After Sunday 3 November, we will be open on Saturday 9, Sunday 10, Saturday 23, Sunday 24 and Saturday 30 November plus Sunday

1 December from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Please note, however, we will not be open on either Saturday 16 or Sunday 17 November. When we are closed you can usually find refreshments at the Buck Inn or the village shop.

Jam today and jam tomorrow...



We always enjoy this time of year because it's time to get the big jam saucepan out from under the stairs and turn produce into tasty treats. At the moment, we have **Victoria plum jam, mint sauce and rowan berry sauce** for sale, all courtesy of our back garden or nearby.

If you've not tried rowan berry sauce, now's the time. It's quite tangy – a little bit like marmalade. We use it to add a bit of zing to casseroles and gravies and it's especially good with lamb and game.

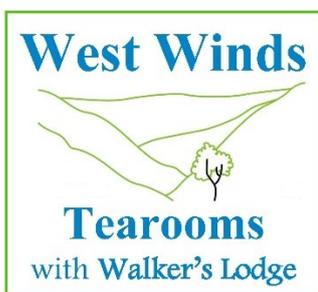
Once we've had the first frost, we'll be making sloe jelly from berries gathered along the lane between here and Hubberholme, and there may well be some spicy tomato chutney before very long too.

It's time to stock up on stocking fillers for Christmas. It's not long now to the season of good will and pantos, you know. Oh no it isn't!

Enjoy a bargain-price autumn break...



We have a **great autumn break offer** for newsletter readers. Book a stay for one night in October or November and get a second night for just £10 extra per person. Just mention autumn break offer when booking. Sadly this applies to new bookings only, not bookings already made.



Eat and drink. Sit and chat. Rest and stay

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