

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

## **Saturday 3 March 2012**

### **Hint of spring sees tearooms getting ready for Mother's Day**



The crocuses are well out in the garden (see left) and the bird bath is no longer frozen over, so it seems that spring is finally upon us... At West Winds we're getting ready to open the tearooms on Saturday 17 March 2012 for what we are sure will be the brightest summer for years. We can picture those pure blue skies and imagine that balmy warmth even now!

On our first weekend of the season, we hope to have Yorkshire venison and Old Peculier casserole on the menu, along with Wharfedale rabbit and juniper berry pie, Stanforth's celebrated pork pies with home-made mint sauce and, of course, all our old favourites like Yorkshire gammon and eggs, salads, curt tart, brandy fruitcake and much more.

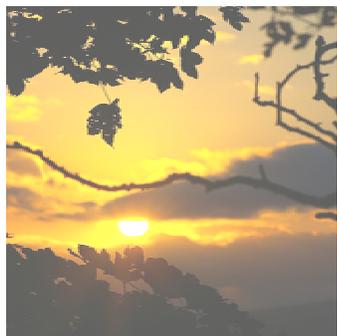
You'll also be able to enjoy a choice of delicious world coffees from Yorkshire-based Grumpy Mule and a wider selection of local artisan cheeses with home-baked savoury scones and tasty chutneys.

It certainly promises to be a taste bud-tingling menu and don't forget, Mother's Day is Sunday 18 March! If you'd like to book a table for a family outing, just give us a call on 01756 760883 or e-mail us at [lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk)

The tearooms will be open daily, except Monday and Tuesday, from Saturday 17 March until Sunday 4 November 2012 from 12.30pm to 6pm.

Meanwhile, bed and breakfast is available at West Winds from Saturday 10 March 2012. We have one double room and two single rooms available and we are holding last year's prices to give even greater value. For £29 per person, you can enjoy a night at West Winds with tea and cake on arrival, bedroom chocolates and organic fruit, plus a wide choice of breakfasts in the morning. We are also offering Full Board seven days a week to make sure you won't go hungry.

### **Candle-lit barbecue evenings offer chance to toast marshmallows and twisters**



Have you ever wanted to sit round a wood fire toasting marshmallows and twisters on a spring or summer's evening? We feel we can't be the only ones, so Stephen is putting his old Scout training into practice by offering candle-lit barbecue evenings at West Winds on the first Saturday of the month, starting on Saturday 7 April 2012.

We'll be cooking a full barbecue of both meaty and vegetarian items and serving baked potatoes and a variety of mixed salads. Afterwards, the barbecue grill will come off and we'll be making twisters and toasting marshmallows. There'll be hot spicy apple juice and hot chocolate but you

are also welcome to bring your own beer or wine – we'll provide the glasses.

West Winds barbecue evenings promise to be a fantastic way to watch the sun go down while enjoying great food against a background of romantic candle-light and gentle wood smoke. Our book-ahead price is just £10 for adults and £6 for under-16s.

**And we're giving away one pair of tickets to the first barbecue – see below!**

We'll be firing up the barbecue at 7pm on Saturday 7 April, Saturday 5 May, Saturday 2 June, Saturday 7 July, Saturday 4 August and Saturday 1 September 2012. Places are limited and must be booked in advance, so if you would like to come, please call us on 01756 760883 or e-mail us at [lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk) *Please note that we cannot allow children under 12 or dogs to attend. Sadly but inevitably, all events are weather dependent and subject to confirmation on the day.*

### **Village choir puts Buckden in the spotlight, even when the lights go out**



The Buckden Singers have leapt to fame from humble beginnings in a small cottage in Buckden. If you are devotees of Adrian Edmondson's Dales programme on ITV (Monday evenings at 8pm), you'll be seeing the choir in action over the coming weeks. At the moment, choir-mistress Anne Vetch and her 40-odd sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are practising furiously for their fifth anniversary concerts, which take place on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 March 2012. The choir wouldn't even allow recent power cuts to interrupt their work, continuing to make music by candle-light and head-torch (see left).

Tickets for the March shows at Buckden Village Hall are available from the box office at [tickets@buckden.org](mailto:tickets@buckden.org) or on 01756 761155.

### **Fancy living in Upper Wharfedale? Find out what it could be like...**



If you've harboured a secret desire to join us in Upper Wharfedale, you should take a look at a new online resource telling you just what it's like to live in Buckden or one of the other villages at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

It gives information about the individual communities, the education and employment opportunities and the amazing leisure activities available. There are links to many local resources and an insight into the practicalities of life in an upland rural community. Peter Vetch, who set up the project, says: "We hope it conveys something of why we love living here and why we believe Upper Wharfedale and Littondale are also great places to work and bring up children."

Visit [www.upperwharfedale.org](http://www.upperwharfedale.org) for more details.

## Win a pair of tickets to the first West Winds Candle-Lit Barbecue Evening



If you're free on Saturday 7 April 2012 and would like to come to our first Candle-Lit Barbecue Evening, enter the competition below and you could be tucking into a mixed grill of generous proportions!

Just answer the following question...

What is a twister in the context of a West Winds barbecue?

- (a) A tornado in America
- (b) A sweet dough containing caraway seeds, twisted around a green stick and toasted over the hot embers of a wood fire
- (c) A party game in which people bend over backwards and then fall over

To enter, send your answer to [lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk) or to West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA to arrive by high noon on **Saturday 17 March 2012**.

### 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.
3. The competition is not open to under-12s.
4. The prize will be allocated on Saturday 17 March 2012.
5. The winner will be chosen at random from all correct answers received by the closing time.
6. The winner will be notified by e-mail, phone or post on or soon after Saturday 17 March 2012.
7. The prize must be claimed in person on Saturday 7 April 2012 and there are no cash or other alternatives. People attending the barbecue must be 12 or over. In the event of the barbecue being cancelled due to bad weather, the winner will be able to choose an alternative date.
8. The winner's name will be available on application after Saturday 17 March 2012.
9. The judges' decision is final and no discussion, arguments, fights or legal action will be entered into.



## West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms

*Behind the Buck Inn...*

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