

WOOD VIEW NEWS

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The Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness.....

It doesn't seem so long ago that we were writing to you saying that the evenings were getting lighter, and suddenly we are thinking about autumn and changing the clocks!

This is the time of year that those who know and love the Yorkshire Dales come back to Austwick to enjoy quiet walks in and around Crummackdale after the hurly-burly of the summer months. The lanes will be filled with blackberries, rose hips and sloes and everywhere will have that cooler, misty feel about it that always heralds the arrival of autumn.

The Ingleton Waterfalls, where the valleys are full of Rowan and Oak, will be a blaze of colour as the leaves turn from green to every imaginable shade of red, gold and bronze. This really is the time to see the area in all its glory before the dark days of winter set in.



On the River Ribble at Stainforth Force, near the old pack horse bridge, a keen eye and a little



patience will reward you with a glimpse of salmon leaping up the falls on their way to spawning grounds in the head waters of the river. This is quite a spectator sport in Ribblesdale, as people gather on the banks and watch the fish, some several feet long, struggling to swim against the torrent pouring over the force.

We think that limestone country looks at its best at this time of year, when the combination of a lower sun and darker skies throw shadows across the crags and limestone pavements, picking out these dramatic landforms with a much greater clarity.

The summer season at Wood View has been as busy as ever, in fact August was a record month for us, with Sue clocking up her 5000th breakfast! This is our third season now and one of the best things about running a b&b is seeing people come back time and again. In fact, over half of our business this summer has been from guests who have been before or recommended us to others.

Unfortunately, recent increases in interest rates and fuel costs mean that we are putting up all our prices by £1 from January 1st 2008 – our first price rise in three years. However, from November to March 2008, we are offering three nights Bed & Breakfast for the price of two, excluding week ends and school holidays.

If you are thinking about taking an Autumn/Winter break in the Yorkshire Dales, or would like to give someone a gift with a difference then please get in touch and we will see what we can do.

David & Sue
Wood View Guest House