

WOOD VIEW NEWS

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That's an awful lot of sausages!

We knew it would happen eventually, but it was still a bit of a shock to serve our 10,000th breakfast at the beginning of July, which equates to nearly 5000 guests and an awful lot of sausages, eggs and toast since we started the business in March 2005. One of the best things about running a B&B is the friendships that develop with people who come back to stay with us year after year, who love walking in the Yorkshire Dales whatever the season or the weather and who know that they will be looked after and well fed at Wood View. So many of our customers refer to it as a 'home from home' in the visitors book – which is precisely the sort of ambience that we are trying to create. We often get thank you cards from people, but one visitor this year went to the trouble of writing a poem about his stay with us, which we were so impressed with that we have included it in this newsletter for you to read as well.



The hamlet of Wharfe, winter 2010

Like the rest of the country we had heavy snow and freezing temperatures over last Christmas which lasted for several weeks and gave us some superb winter scenery. However, only the most remote roads were impassable thanks to local farmers with snow ploughs and everyone just got on in spite of the conditions. If you looked hard enough you could still find pockets of snow in sheltered spots well into April!

Opinions vary as to what this winter will bring, but we are already stocking up with grit for the road up to the car park, just in case.

As some of you will already know, Sue spent some time in hospital at the end of June having suffered a heart attack – a shock to everyone, especially the guests, who had to put up with David's cooking for several weeks. In typical Austwick fashion, as soon as the news got out, most of the village was at the door with offers of help, meals and hospital visits, as well as 99 get well cards! What it is to be popular. She is now recovering well, but as a result of this we have made a few changes to the business to make life easier for ourselves, namely having all the laundry done for us and closing the business for 3 months over the winter. No doubt we will have a few short breaks during the summer months as well because the bookings are already coming in for next season and we expect to be very busy once again. Apart from that it's still business as usual but don't worry about your next visit to Wood View – Sue is back on breakfasts!

David has finally added a road racer to the bike collection and with his riding partner Chris, completed the Etape du Dales in May; a 110 miles, 12000 feet of climb road event that takes in most of the Yorkshire Dales. The pair completed the course in just over 9 hours but are training for a faster time next year. There are also plans for a trip to the Alps in the summer to complete the tour of Mont Blanc on mountain bikes. Full report in next year's newsletter!

With scenery and trails like this in Littondale it's no wonder that the area is so popular with the mountain biking fraternity.



Arncliffe, Littondale

Reluctantly, we are increasing our prices from January 1st, the first rise for 3 years, with Standard Rooms at £34 pppn and Superiors at £39 pppn for a 2 night stay. The full tariff breakdown can be found on our web site. Following the popularity of our winter breaks in previous years, we are offering 3 nights bed & breakfast accommodation for 2 people between February 4th and April 21st 2011 at £170 for a Standard Room (instead of £204) and £200 for a Superior Room (instead of £234), subject to availability.

At Austwick a village in Yorkshire
There's a B&B called Wood View
You can stay there for one week in the season
Or better still you can stay there for two

You are sure of a very warm welcome
With buttered scones and a fresh pot of tea
If it's comfort and care that you are wanting
Then Wood View is a good place to be

Don't forget to fill in your list for breakfast
That is served between 7-30 and 9-00
The service it can't be any better
And your food will be served right on time

If the fire alarm should sound when you are eating
Don't worry you're not going to roast
Because it's only Dave in the kitchen
He'll say sorry I've just burnt the toast

If you are walking the three peaks or just roaming
The scenery is really supreme
After a days long walk in the Dales
Come back to Wood View it's a dream

So next time you are up in the Dales
And looking for somewhere to stay
Just drive along to Austwick
And spend some time with Susan and Dave

You may think this ditty's a falsehood
But everything I've written is true
So drive along to Austwick
And enjoy your stay at Wood View

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Many thanks to everyone who has supported us during the 2010 season and we look forward to seeing you at Wood View again in the near future.

David & Sue Wood View Guest House Austwick