

SYMONDS YAT ROCK LODGE

Bed & Breakfast and Self-catering Accommodation

Newsletter – Spring 2015

Hello , and a happy spring to you –

Symonds Yat Rock Lodge News:

Just to tempt you with a short break - we have a couple of B&B rooms left for the bank holiday. Here are some photos I took playing with my new camera:



Events:

- Sculpture at Taurus Crafts: local artists feature in 'Art in the Marshes'. Until 28 July
- Catch the Bluebell Train from Dean Forest Railway. Until 20 May.
- Wyncliffe Court Spring Sculpture Show in a listed garden. 2 April to 21 June.
- Ross-on-Wye Beer and Cider Festival – say no more! 2 to 3 May.
- Mad Hatter's Tea Party at The Angel, Abergavenny (they keep winning awards for best afternoon teas). 2 to 3 May.
- Humble by Nature's Big Day Out – a family-friendly festival at Kate Humble's farm on 4 July.
- Folk on the Lawn. Free folk festival in the grounds of Abbey Mill, Tintern. 10-12 July.
- Castle Roc festival at Chepstow Castle. 21 to 31 August.

Nature:

Those wonderful miniature wild daffodils are a little late this year, so in full bloom now:



A young buzzard is coming for a daily walk in our field.

Activities News:

How about learning to brew with the masters? Hillside Brewery, Forest of Dean does a day of training followed by tasting.

OFFER: 35% off At Forest Bushcraft – feel like Ray Mears after a ‘Basic Bushcraft’ or woodcarving course!

ANOTHER OFFER: 10% off at Go Ape until 30 May (excl. Sat). Just book online with the code FDPR11.

The National Diving Centre now has a drive-in cinema. And watch out for the drive-in cinema events at the stunning Raglan Castle (they did Rocky Horror Picture Show in November, with everyone dressed up).

Local History News:

What are Sheep Badgers? Those who have the right to ‘turn out’ sheep in the Forest. There were 6,000 sheep roaming free in the Forest before Foot and Mouth, all trained to come to their Badger when he whistled. Today there are only about a 1,000, but numbers are rising as there are lambs everywhere at the moment.

Filming News:

Alan Titchmarsh visited Dewstow as one of his top 30 gardens. Fabulous Victorian grotto gardens that were rediscovered after being buried for 50 years. (See more photos on our Facebook site).



A Recommended Day Out (tried and tested by us):

Tewkesbury this week (just 30 minutes away, with spectacular views of May Hill and the Malverns on the way). Obviously the Abbey is a highlight (and we always have to check out the tomb with the cadaver!) There are some great new restaurants, we were tempted by Caffè e Vino for authentic (and very good value) Italian. Fabulous browsing in antique and charity shops (apparently coach tours come here just for that). We discovered a newly opened charity shop specialising in vintage (Break). Then on the way back, turn right at the end of the M50 for a great meal at The Moody Cow (it's in The Michelin Pub Guide 2015).

Don't forget to post on our [facebook](#) site with any photos or experiences, and do put us on [Tripadvisor](#) if you enjoyed a stay with us.

We would like to keep you informed of offers, events in the area and ongoing improvements (no more than twice a year). If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.