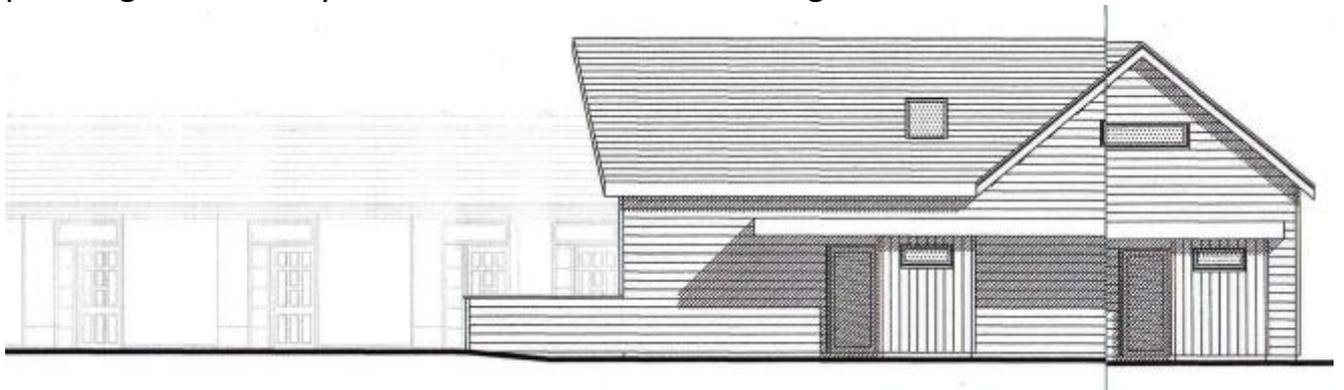


SYMONDS YAT ROCK LODGE

Self-catering Apartments Newsletter – Autumn 2017

Hello, here is the big news

We are building two new self-catering apartments over the winter and closing the B&B. Work starts in October. Building on the success of our current apartments, the new ones will be open-plan with a mezzanine bedroom and with big windows overlooking our fantastic views. However, they will be a bit bigger with 'pewter' coloured cladding and steel guttering. We are also planning to have cosy stoves for those winter evenings and walk-in showers.



We will be putting pictures and updates on our Facebook site, and are hoping to get some good filming of the timber frame going up. (We've already had fun with giant drills onsite to bore down 30 metres).



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PLANNING SITE NOTICE

The following application has been received:

Symonds Tan Park Lodge (Revised) Cumbria

Proposed Development
Consists of full planning for 100 units including 20% affordable housing. Demolition of
existing accommodation and existing site.

Application Number: 2023/0147/17/001

The application can be inspected during office hours at
Forest of Dean District Council, High Street, Ledbury, Glos. GL15 2HQ
Tel: 01292 402000

A copy of the planning application can be inspected from Forest of Dean District Council, who may refer the application to the Local Planning Authority if it is deemed to be a major development.

Comments on this application should be made in writing to the above address by 20th April 2023.

For more information please contact:



- B&B will be open until Sunday 1st October, so book now for a last visit!
- The apartments will be open for Christmas and New Year
- The apartments will be open for weekends after New Year, then open every day from 1 March
- The new apartments will (hopefully) open in April
- For those still wanting breakfast we will be including local cafes in our information folders and may also offer breakfast hampers.

Events:

- Hereford Cathedral's Magna Carta goes on display in Law, Life and Landscape, runs until 31 December

- Newent Onion Fayre, 9 Sept
- The Usk Show, 9 Sept
- Hart – Hereford Art Week, with open studios and exhibitions, 9-17 Sept
- Vintage Vehicle Show at Speech House, 10 Sep
- Watercolours day, painting class outdoors at The Kymin, 10 Sept
- Diesel Gala at Dean Forest Railway, 15-17 Sept
- Bottomless Beer Brunch, Hillside Brewery, 16 Sept
- Tintern Fiesta @ The Old Station, 18-24 Sept
- Autumn Antiques & Vintage Fair, with food and music at Taurus Crafts, 24 Sept
- Royal Forester Dining Train: three-course meal on a steam train with Dean Forest Railway, 24 Sept
- Forest Food Showcase at Speech House, 1 Oct

Nature:

The long, warm summer meant a great year for the birds – the swallows outside No5 had two broods, although the wagtails did move from the flowerbed for their second. The thistles in the field are attracting huge flocks (charms?) of goldfinches. And we have bats (Common Pipistrelles) – so they will be carefully moved on by our batman and bat boxes (as well as sparrow terraces) provided.





The boar piglets at the dump have grown up and moved away.

Activities News:

We tried out the Footgolf at Forest Hills Golf Club – it was brilliant fun. 9 big holes, 5 footballs and lots of laughing.

Wild swimming has become a big thing locally, with organised days plus a website giving you details on the best spots <http://www.wildswimming.co.uk/map/symonds-yat/>

Try out Kentchurch Court – listed by The Guardian as one of the UK’s best secret gardens. It is dog friendly and only half an hour away.

For a creative break, how about print-making? I spent two lovely days at Annelise Appleby’s studio and came away with works good enough to decorate the apartments.



Filming News:

DIY SOS filmed a build in Monmouth, and had a disastrous attempt at canoeing down the Wye – they were very wet by the time they got to The Saracen's Head.

King Arthur – Legend of the Sword - the latest blockbuster from writer/director/producer Guy Ritchie, and starring Charlie Hunnam and Jude Law, has been filmed at iconic locations in the epic British landscape including

the Forest of Dean in the retelling the story of King Arthur. It was in cinemas this May (you may remember the reviews of David Beckham's acting?!).

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.

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