

# THE DEVONSHIRE



NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION 2009



## What an exciting year

Welcome to the winter edition of The Devonshire. 2009 was another exciting year for us, with a record number of guests staying, new faces to our team, further refurbishments and yet more awards. We therefore start 2010 on a very positive note. It will be a landmark year for us at Chatsworth, with more of the house open to visitors than ever before, details of which you can read overleaf, and we will be celebrating the 90th birthday of my mother, Deborah, Dowager Duchess of Devonshire. At Bolton Abbey walkers will be able to benefit from the restoration of moorland hiking trails and... to herald the New Year we've some fantastic offers for you which we hope will encourage you to return to us again very soon.

And when you do, on behalf of everyone at Devonshire Hotels, we wish you a very warm welcome.

*Stoker Devonshire* *Amada Devonshire*  
The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire



## Busy Decorating

At the beginning of 2009 we completed the transformation of bedrooms at The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey and, as 2009 drew to a close, we concluded with the refurbishment of our main lounges there. Amongst the Duchess's choice of fabrics, carpets and papers there is wonderful "doggy" wallpaper in, of course, the Dog Lounge – a fitting backdrop to the eclectic gathering of canine characters from the Chatsworth Art Collection.

## New Website

We have recently rolled out new websites for each of the properties and all credit must go to Ian Hughes who has masterminded the operation. (Not to mention that his wife, Linda, gave birth to twin boys in the midst of it all!) However, we do ask that you keep visiting the sites as they are very much a "work in progress". Now that most of the behind the scenes technology is in place we will be working on the layout.

Our websites are the first place we advertise our special offers so please look to see if there is something there that tempts you. This is also where to read about forthcoming events.

Last but not least, take a look at the new chefs' section with its seasonal recipes and tips. If you have any culinary conundrums please email us and one of the chefs will try and help. [www.devonshirehotels.co.uk/chefs](http://www.devonshirehotels.co.uk/chefs)



## Record Room Sales

We shouldn't boast but... this has been a record year for bedroom sales at all of our hotels. Special promotions offered extra value and your fantastic response made this our best year yet for the number of bookings. At The Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey October broke all records in our history. The strength of the euro against the pound most definitely encouraged people to stay within the UK and we have received wonderful feedback from guests who have enjoyed discovering our own amazing countryside.



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## The Pudding Club comes to Yorkshire!

Thursday, 11th and Friday, 12th February - The Devonshire Fell

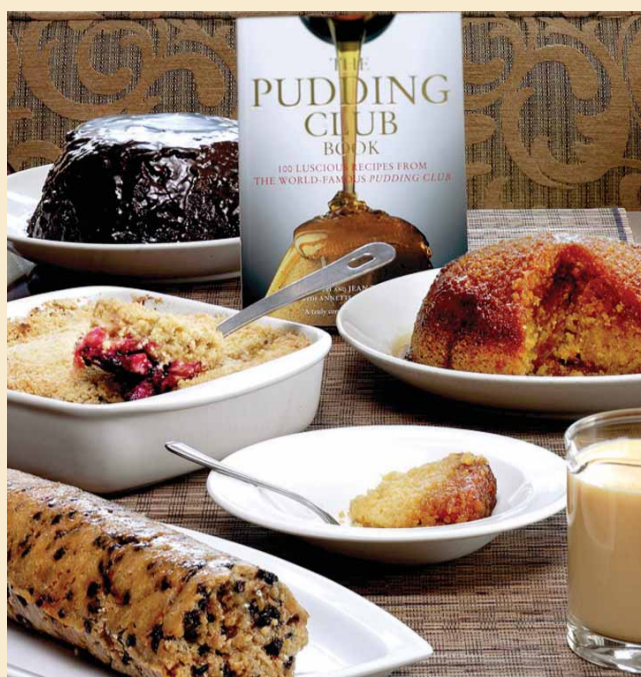
Many of you will know the celebrated Pudding Club which meets in the Cotswolds. Originally founded to promote the traditional British pudding it now has a huge following of fans from all over the UK and the Club's chefs have even taken Japan by storm. As the Club launches some of its most popular puddings in Waitrose, we are delighted to host the first ever Pudding Club event in Yorkshire at The Devonshire Fell. Join us for either lunch or dinner and you will be able to tuck into a selection of traditional British puds and meet the famous Pudding Club chefs. Enjoy a light starter and main course followed by as many puddings with lashings of custard as you can consume. But, there are rules – all of which will be revealed on the night!

Dinner - 11th February - £25.00 per person

Lunch - 12th February - £20.00 per person

Bookings - 01756 729000

*"The pudding club is the eighth wonder of the world"*



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## The Devonshire Arms at Beeley...



## ...Pub of the Year – Again!

2 AA rosettes for food • Good Food Guide 3 points

The Good Pub Guide – County Pub of the Year 2010

Derbyshire Food and Drink Awards – Derbyshire Pub of the Year - 2010

Unsung Hero Award - Office Manager Elaine Blake was shortlisted as one of four finalists for The Publican's award. Although Elaine did not pick up the trophy she certainly deserved to be a finalist for her unflinching enthusiasm and efforts beyond the call of duty.

The Devonshire Arms at Beeley is unstoppable and hugely popular as a local dining out pub for which it continues to be recognised with awards for the quality of its food and hospitality. If you have yet to visit this delightful pub we urge you to do so. In January and February Chef Patron Alan Hill is offering a variety of traditional cuts of meat to provide heart warming winter dishes on his special Top to Tail menu and of course it's bargain time for the bedrooms!

## Alan Hill goes back to University



Chef Patron Alan Hill has been back to where he first learnt his skills. Originally High Peak College, now the University of Derby, Alan is working as an ambassador for the University and is running some master classes for students. His face has become familiar to all who use rail travel across Derbyshire and Leicestershire as his face has appeared out of huge posters on station platforms as part of a University awareness campaign. Alan said, "It's really important to put something back into education and I have been fortunate to work in some of the country's top restaurants so if I can pass on some of my experience and instil just a smidgen of passion then it's certainly worthwhile."

## Ladies Luncheon 2010

The Ladies Luncheon Club meets at Bolton Abbey (or occasionally Burnsall) on the 3rd Monday of each month for a tasty two course lunch with wine and coffee followed by a short talk or demonstration. If you would like to be added to our member database please call our Events Team on 01756 718155 or just email your details to events@devonshirehotels.co.uk.

### 18 January - Wildflowers

A demonstration of both large and small floral arrangements by Vanessa, our hotel florist.

### 15th February - Christine Thompson

Seamstress to the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire Christine has just retired from heading up the sewing team at Chatsworth. She will be accompanied by her husband who has also been part of Chatsworth's army of specialists.



### 15th March -

#### Deirdre Bounds

Founder of i to i travel (now part of First Choice) author of Fulfilled and a participant of Wife Swap. Described as one of the most sought after and entertaining motivational speakers.

### 19th April - Chef Demo

A demonstration by Devonshire Fell Head Chef Daniel Birk who was runner up in the Gordon Ramsay scholars and has recently gained 4 points in the Good Food Guide.



### 17th May - Antiques Auctioneer

Nigel Smith from Tennants Auctioneers will value small items of porcelain and silver plus talk about life as an auctioneer.

### 21st June - Literary Luncheon with author W R Mitchell. M.B.E.

Bill Mitchell has been voted the Yorkshire Dales National Park's greatest living cultural icon, having worked as a journalist for the Craven Herald, the Dalesman and Cumbria magazines. He is the author of nearly 200 books predominantly about aspects of everyday life in the Dales and Lake District. His latest work is about the real life of Beatrix Potter.

### 19th July - Visit to Chatsworth.

A chance to see the new exhibitions including the celebration of the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire's 90th birthday. A reduced price informal lunch will be offered at The Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey for those ladies who do not wish to travel.



### 20th September - Wine Expert

An introduction to choosing wine from your local supermarket

### 18th Oct - Maria Glott

Back by popular request for Part 2 of the legacy of Sir Titus Salt and the World Heritage Site of Saltaire

### 15th Nov - Fashion and Christmas Bazaar

There's nothing like a bit of retail therapy - an opportunity to buy unique presents for Christmas

### 13th Dec - Christmas Lunch with Quiz and Charity Raffle

Luncheon price - £20.00 per person\* This price includes a two course lunch, a glass of wine and coffee plus guest speaker. \*Chatsworth visit and fund raising Christmas lunch - prices will be confirmed.

## A landmark year for Chatsworth

After years of painstaking work and restoration, funded by the Chatsworth House Trust, there will be a fresh route for visitors through the house, including a new gallery for displaying art and treasures from the collection, important rooms restored, elegant new displays celebrating the legendary Duchess Georgiana and an exhibition celebrating the 90th birthday of Deborah Devonshire, the Dowager Duchess.

Highlights of the 2010 displays will include a spectacular array of family portraits spanning 450 years, works of art commissioned by Duchess Georgiana, rare treasures including diamonds and jewels and an intriguing selection of 20th century paintings, including family portraits by Lucian Freud.



“Detail of a Victorian roof lantern, revealed for the first time in 100 years, above the restored Oak Stairs.”

Other innovations include access to the restored stone courtyard at the heart of the house, new guidebooks and audio tours, far fewer stairs for all visitors and a new lift giving full disabled access to all three floors of the house for the first time. Chatsworth’s tradition of welcoming every visitor warmly continues in 2010, with visitors invited to quiz our friendly team, or try a talk or tour, to discover more about the intriguing people and events that have shaped Chatsworth’s history over five centuries.

The extensive parkland and woodland is open all year for the benefit of all to enjoy country walks, as is Chatsworth farm shop, whilst the House re-opens on 14th March 2010.



Painting of the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire “Woman in a White Shirt” 1954 by Lucian Freud

## Reader Offer - Chatsworth - 2 for 1

A fantastic offer exclusively for Devonshire newsletter readers – One adult FREE to the house and garden when accompanying another full paying adult is being offered to our readers to see the new visitor route, displays and exhibition from opening day on 14th March until 30th April 2010. To receive your two for one entry, use the voucher with the bar code on the back page and present it at the ticket gate.

## Bolton Abbey Season Tickets

The Bolton Abbey Estate is holding its season ticket prices for 2010 which are just £60 per annum. These represent superb value because, as well as gaining entry to all the car parks, season ticket holders receive a clutch of vouchers with offers at various outlets on the Estate including the Cavendish Pavilion, Devonshire Hotels, the Steam Railway and Buffers plus 10% off purchases at the Estate gift shops.

Season tickets can be bought by calling 01756 718000, from the gift shops or online at [www.boltonabbey.com](http://www.boltonabbey.com)



## Airlift of Mill Flags Preserves Simon’s Seat

With its rocky outcrops Simon’s Seat is a much admired Yorkshire Dales landmark with breathtaking views. There’s a choice of routes to its summit but the best known and most used trail is approached from Bolton Abbey. This takes in the waterfalls of Posforth Gill and provides spectacular vistas over the Estate and Upper Wharfedale. However over the years an increase in the number of walkers venturing to this popular landmark has led to significant damage to the important moorland habitat. To halt this erosion important preservation work was carried out in the autumn by the Yorkshire Dales National Park in partnership with the Bolton Abbey Estate. Old mill flags were airlifted by helicopter and used to create a sympathetic route providing a sustainable and accessible footpath around this popular viewpoint summit.

## Pilsley - Real Ale, Real Food and NEW Rooms!

The Devonshire Arms at Pilsley is planning a makeover in 2010 which will include opening new bedrooms. Behind the scenes, areas such as the all important kitchen will be kitted out to enable us to provide even more of the delicious food that is so popular whilst the Duchess of Devonshire has been busy with colour swatches and fabric choices for the seven bedrooms. These rooms will be sold at “pub prices” offering the same fantastic value for money as our food – more information and opening details will be available later in the year...



## Local Food Hero

The Devonshire Brasserie and Bar’s Head Chef, Chris Woodward, has been working with Lishmans, Ilkley’s celebrated butchers, who have recently expanded their empire with a second shop at Bolton Abbey. Lishmans are specialists for providing top quality northern produce from local game to award winning pork pies and their famous sausages and black pudding are a regular feature on the Brasserie menu. David Lishman is regarded as one of the country’s top butchers and as well as opening a new shop he has been enjoying the bright lights as a judge alongside Mayfair butcher Justin Preston for BBC television in their quest to find the UK’s Young Butcher of the Year. Dubbed “Chop Idol”, it is part of a series by the BBC to profile the millions of young British unsung heroes unlikely to win the equivalent of a multi-million pound recording contract. The title went to Jim Sutcliffe from Lincolnshire.

**JANUARY 2010**  
**40% OFF**  
 WHEN YOU STAY

**Bag the bargain of the new year with this amazing offer**

**Bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£230.00~~ now **£138.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£127.00~~ now **£76.20**  
 The Devonshire Arms, Beeley from ~~£122.00~~ now **£73.20**

**Dinner, bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£290.00~~ now **£174.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£155.00~~ now **£93.00**

Rates are subject to availability and quoted per standard room.

**FEBRUARY 2010**  
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 WHEN YOU STAY

**Enjoy crisp country walks and the early signs of spring**

**Bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£230.00~~ now **£161.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£127.00~~ now **£88.90**  
 The Devonshire Arms, Beeley from ~~£122.00~~ now **£85.40**

**Dinner, bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£290.00~~ now **£203.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£155.00~~ now **£108.50**

Rates are subject to availability and quoted per standard room. Excludes Valentines weekend.

**MARCH 2010**  
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 WHEN YOU STAY

**Escape for a luxury spring break before Easter**

**Bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£230.00~~ now **£184.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£127.00~~ now **£101.60**  
 The Devonshire Arms, Beeley from ~~£122.00~~ now **£97.60**

**Dinner, bed and full English breakfast**

The Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey from ~~£290.00~~ now **£232.00**  
 The Devonshire Fell, Burnsall from ~~£155.00~~ now **£124.00**

Rates are subject to availability and quoted per standard room.



**Exclusive Chatsworth Breaks**

Chatsworth revealed - new discoveries, painstaking restorations, a new visitor route, latest displays and fascinating exhibitions. The package rate per couple includes dinner, bed and breakfast, entry for two to Chatsworth House and Garden and a copy of the new 120 page illustrated guide.

**The Devonshire Arms at Beeley - from £195.00**

Valid from 14th March – 31st October 2010 subject to availability

**The Devonshire Arms at Pilsley - new rooms opening summer 2010.** More information and rates will be available in the spring. **Reservations 01756 718111**

**Romance & Love... it must be Valentine's!**



**A time for romance, candlelit dining, heart stopping scenery...**

**The Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey from £290.00 per room per night**

Includes champagne, roses and chocolates in your room, a champagne aperitif, a delicious gourmet dinner in the Burlington and full Yorkshire breakfast.

**The Devonshire Fell at Burnsall from £175.00 per room per night**

Includes a champagne aperitif before a five course gourmet dinner, overnight stay and full Yorkshire breakfast – plus the most stunning views in Wharfedale!

**The Devonshire Arms at Beeley from £120.00 per room per night**

Romantic break includes champagne in your room, roses and chocolates, dinner and full Derbyshire breakfast.

**For more details of our 1 and 2 night romantic breaks call 01756 718111**

**Great Yorkshire Breaks**

Looking for that special walk taking you into unknown territory? Great Yorkshire Breaks is our answer to the many guests who love to explore with the help of a personal guide. Prices are based on two sharing and include tea and scones on the day of arrival, dinner, bed and a hearty Yorkshire breakfast for two days, bespoke walking tours including lunch.

**The Devonshire Arms - £495.00** includes a 30min therapeutic foot massage

**The Devonshire Fell - £350.00** includes a bottle of champagne

Prices are quoted per person sharing a standard double room for 2 nights. Single and superior rooms are also available.

**Reservations 01756 718111**

Valid all year subject to availability



**Mothering Sunday**

**Sunday 14th March 2010**

Don't forget the most important person in the family... Out to lunch, an overnight stay, a pamper day treat... whatever you choose we will make sure everything is just perfect. Please give us a call to discuss how we can help you make the day special for Mum.

**01756 718111**

**Chatsworth Voucher**

**Two for One Entry Offer**  
**14th March - 30th April 2010**

**Must be presented at the ticket gate**



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