



# The Yorkshire Bridge Inn

Multi-award winning 4 star inn and country hotel at the heart of the peak district

Spring 2010



Now that winter is well and truly in the past now is the time to get out and about in the Peak District with your camera.

The countryside looks, feels and smells fresh and untarnished while, at the same time, its resident plants and animals are exploding into action, singing, dancing, blooming and booming.

The Peak District is renowned for its stunning views, picturesque villages and beautiful scenery. It is easy to see why so many photographers flock to the area on a regular basis.

The Peak District covers a huge area and contains a wealth of different types of scenery and geology. It is this varying landscape that makes the location so fascinating to photographers.

Some of the best photos can be taken from the gritstone edges such as Stanage Edge, Higger Tor, Curbar Edge and the Great Ridge, Mam Tor, Back Tor and Peveril Castle.

Whether you are visiting for a weekend or a week we hope you will find these photogenic spots in the Peak District useful.

Useful links:

- [www.snapthepeaks.co.uk](http://www.snapthepeaks.co.uk)
- [www.peakdistrict-photography.co.uk](http://www.peakdistrict-photography.co.uk)
- [www.peakphotocentre.com](http://www.peakphotocentre.com)
- [www.peakdistricthelicopters.co.uk](http://www.peakdistricthelicopters.co.uk)
- [www.peakdistrictballoonflights.co.uk](http://www.peakdistrictballoonflights.co.uk)

Spring is here...head for the Peaks!

Spring feels very late this year. In recent years the snowdrops in the pub garden have started to flower in mid-late January. This year it's almost two months later, but finally the snow and frost are a faint memory as the call of the first rambler of the year has been heard and a flash of lycra has been spotted as the cyclists have returned to the Peak roads. Spring has finally arrived and the wildlife is in full force.

Take a walk in a Peak District wood this month and you'll notice a marked difference from what you'd have encountered in Winter. There's lots more birdsong, particularly from wrens and great tits. It's an indication that male birds are beginning to stake territorial claims.

By now, cold blooded reptiles will be taking advantage of warmer days. Adders slip out of their hibernaculum, hibernation holes to you and me.

This time of years see a deluge of colour in the woods. Brief bursts of golden lesser



celandines give way to the pale blooms of wood anemones. Both take centre stage before the trees come into full leaf and block out life-giving sun.

One of the best places to see all this is in the High Peak.

The High Peak stretches from the heather-clad moors of Park Hall to the gritstone of Derwent Edge, and from the peat bogs of Bleaklow to the limestone crags of Winnats Pass. It's a breathtaking landscape that comes alive in spring.

The wild Pennine moorlands are of international importance for their populations of breeding birds, including golden plovers, merlins and red grouse. Mammals include mountain hares, which can be seen indulging in boisterous mating behaviour, such as boxing.

Other species found here are the appealing water vole, as well as the common shrew, weasel and stoat. As darkness falls you may

even be able to glimpse a pipistrelle bat or badger.





## What's on in the Peak District

There's a lot going on. Here's a brief guide to some of the activities from April to June.

### 2nd - 11th April, 2010

Easter Eggstravaganza Chatsworth House, Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire 01246 582204

### 2nd - 5th April, 2010

Easter Craft & Gift Bakewell, Derbyshire 10.30am to 4.30pm 07765 404354

### 3rd April, 2010

Hathersage Farmers Market Hathersage, Derbyshire 10am to 2pm 07814 311181

### 4th & 5th April, 2010

Cheeky Chicks Easter Challenge Hardwick Estate, Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea, Chesterfield, Derbyshire noon to 4pm 01246 858400

### 6th - 9th April, 2010

Craft & Gift Fair - School Holidays Special Event The Brigade Hall-Peak Fairs, Bath Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire 10.30am to 4.30pm 07765 404 354

### 8th April, 2010

JUNIOR SHOTGUN SHOOTING MASTERCLASS. Cost: The cost for the day includes clays, cartridges, use of suitable gun safety equipment, lunch & Safe shot assessment is £115 per Junior Gun. Places will be limited so early booking is essential. For more information [www.yeaveley-estate.co.uk](http://www.yeaveley-estate.co.uk)

### 10th & 11th April, 2010

Bakewell Craft & Gift Fair The Brigade Hall-Peak Fairs, Bath Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire 10.30am to 4.30pm 07765 404 354

### 12th - 18th April, 2010

Craft & Gift Fair - School Holidays Special Event The Brigade Hall-Peak Fairs, Bath Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire 10.30am to 4.30pm 07765 404 354

### 17th April, 2010

Come for a walk in the Peaks with Bob. 9.30am - 4pm. Approx. 8 miles. Moderate. Details from Bob 007960 345 415.

### 24th April, 2010

Bakewell Farmers Market Bakewell Farmer's Market, Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, Derbyshire 9am to 2pm 01629 813777

### 1st - 3rd, 8th and 9th May, 2010

Bank Holiday Craft & Gift Fair The Brigade Hall-Peak Fairs, Bath Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire 10:30 to 16:30 07765 404 354

### 3rd May, 2010

Garden Plants & Craft Fair Pavilion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton, Derbyshire 10:00 to 16:30 01298 23114

### 9th May, 2010

Car Boot Sales, Lady Manners School, Bakewell Lady Manners School Bakewell, Shutts Lane, Bakewell, Derbyshire 07:30 to 13:00 01629 812671

### 13th - 16th May 2010

The 46th Annual Buxton Antiques Fair Pavilion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton, Derbyshire 11:00 to 18:00 (0)1278 784912

### 15th - 23rd May, 2010

Peak District's Historic Border Country Walking Festival. Further information, full programme and bookings at Chesterfield Tourist Information Centre (Tel: 01246 345777/8, [www.visitpeakdistrict.com](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com))

### 23rd May, 2010

Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair Kedleston Hall, Kedleston, Derby, Derbyshire 10:00 to 16:00 01629 538464

### 29th- 31st May, 2010

Bank Holiday Craft & Gift Fair The Brigade Hall-Peak Fairs, Bath Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire 10:30 to 16:30 07765 404 354

### 30th May, 2010

Big Walk for Water, 2010. Hathersage, Peak District. In aid of Project African Wilderness and Malawi. 7 mile circular walk, cost £10 per person or £15 for a family with children under 16. Register at <http://www.justgiving.com/Walk-for-Water-2010> or find out more by phoning Cara or Gaynor on 0161 228 1689

### 1st - 6th June, 2010

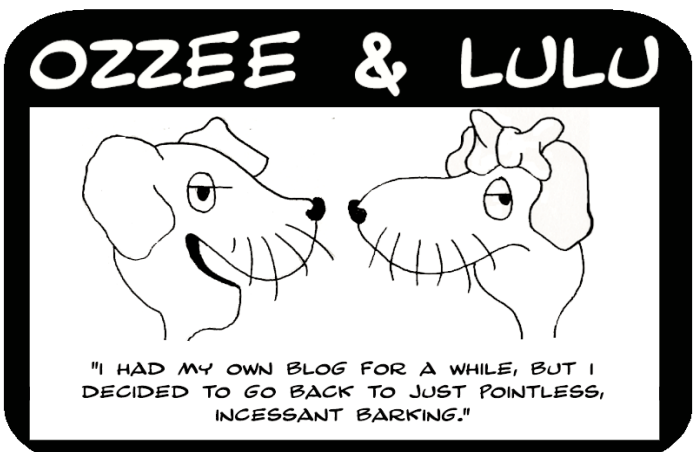
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### 12th & 13th June, 2010

MONYASH OPEN GARDENS - Monyash's first ever Open Gardens event, plus A "Best Scarecrow" competition to be judged by the public. For more information please contact Sally or Simon on: [sally@peakdistrictonline.co.uk](mailto:sally@peakdistrictonline.co.uk) Tel 01629 810 544

### 13th June, 2010

Antiques Valuation Day at Sudbury Hall - Dust down your family heirlooms and antiques and bring them along to courtyard at Sudbury Hall in Derbyshire between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Hosting the event is TV's Bargain Hunt and Flog It expert Charles Hanson known as 'Hands-on Hanson' by the other experts in the industry. For more information, please call Paula on 07880 721 750





## Treasures of Chatsworth House unveiled

Treasures and heirlooms from Chatsworth House, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, have gone on public display for the very first time.

Jewels worn by generations of Devonshire women and masterpieces by the artists Joshua Reynolds and Thomas Gainsborough have been put on show as the house re-opens to the public following a £14 million renovation.

A new space, the North Gallery, will showcase treasures usually locked away in the Chatsworth vaults, including the Devonshire Parure, a seven-piece set of jewellery created for Countess Granville, the wife of the 6th Duke's nephew, to wear at the coronation of Tsar Alexander II in 1856.

The Parure, which has never before been displayed in its entirety, includes three headpieces, a stomacher, a necklace, a bandeau and a bracelet.

Made by CS Hancock, a leading Victorian jeweller, it is set with antique and ancient gemstones, including a cornelian on the bandeau inscribed by Dioskourides, ancient Greece's most famous gem carver.

The Parure also features gems carved with miniature portraits of Elizabeth I and Edward VI, the son of Henry VIII.

The Kniphausen Hawk, a jewel encrusted silver ceremonial drinking cup made in Germany in 1697 and bought in 1819 by the 6th Duke, will also be on display. Standing at over 1ft tall, the sculpture is set with hundreds of precious and semi-precious stones.

The collection of Chatsworth jewels, which will be exhibited in special bullet-proof cases, also includes the Devonshire Tiara, made in 1893 for Duchess Louise, the wife of the 8th Duke, and the Craven Jewel, a 19th century sapphire and diamond brooch featuring two 12-carat sapphires, acquired by the 11th Duke in 1961.

The pieces are magnificent the house now have the galleries fitting to show them.

Following five years of renovation work at Chatsworth, the house's biggest refurbishment since the 1820s, another new gallery will be devoted to celebrating the life of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, the legendary wife of the 5th duke, who was portrayed by Keira Knightley in the film *The Duchess*. The exhibit will include previously undisplayed family portraits by Reynolds and Gainsborough together with furniture and other works of art that she and the Duke commissioned in the 18th century.

A keen mineral collector, three cabinets containing the Duchess' mineral collection will go on display for the first time.

Visitors to Chatsworth will also be able to see a new exhibition marking the 90th birthday of Deborah Devonshire, the Dowager Duchess and the last surviving Mitford sister.

The show includes original letters exchanged between the Mitford sisters and portraits of the Dowager Duchess by her friend, the artist Lucian Freud.

Her status as a fashion icon will be illustrated in the exhibition, which features a number of her couture dresses, including the robe she wore to the Queen's coronation in 1953, made originally for Duchess Georgiana.

The Duke of Devonshire, said: "This is a very exciting year for us as we start to reap the rewards of this extensive repair and renovation project to ensure Chatsworth is enjoyed by many future generations.

"We're also delighted that the new spaces created enable us to show many wonderful pieces that haven't been on view to visitors before, and to mark my mother's 90th birthday with a special exhibition rightly celebrating her remarkable life and achievements.

"Even for someone who has been before, a visit this year will be a revelation."

## LADYBOWER APARTMENTS

### If you love luxury, you'll absolutely love these.

If you are looking for luxury accommodation, you need look no further. Ladybower Apartments are superb 5-star self-catering holiday apartments located in the former pump house for Ladybower Reservoir.

Restored in 2004, the building sits in a truly unique position adjacent to the reservoir, amidst wonderful walking country, woodlands and a profusion of wildlife.

Against a magnificent backdrop composed from some of the most stunning scenery in the Peak District National Park, the Upper Derwent reservoir area is a truly spectacular location that is considered by many to be the jewel in the Peak District's crown.



The Ladybower Reservoir is the largest of the Derwent Dams, which are famed for the Dambuster training runs.

Guests will enjoy relaxing in these beautiful surroundings, strolling around the reservoirs, or taking in one of the many cycle trails. For the more energetic, there are numerous outdoor activities and some of the best walking in the country.

All three apartments - Bridge Park, Bridgewater and Bridge Suite - have each been graded as 5 Star by Enjoy England.

## What to see in the Peak District

Welcome to the Peak District & Derbyshire, a world class destination stretching from the dramatic moorland and breathtaking landscapes of Britain's first National Park to the ancient oaks of the National Forest in the south of the county.

With a fascinating historical and cultural heritage, this unique and diverse region is home to some of the country's finest stately homes, enchanting market towns and picturesque villages.

Established in 1951, the Peak District is visited by people from all over the world. They come to find peace, tranquillity and adventure, experiencing some of England's finest climbing, caving, walking and cycling.

### A warm and genuine welcome

Right at the heart of England.

The Peak District's very special qualities are well known to the people who live in the towns and cities that surround the National Park but for visitors from further away, whether from Britain or abroad, the magic of the Peak District is just waiting to be discovered.

A short break, or longer holiday, will allow you to explore some of England's most spectacular scenery and in the towns, villages and hamlets - amongst the prettiest in the country - you will find a warm and genuine welcome wherever you go.

### Whatever you want, we've got it.

The Peak District provides opportunities for many types of outdoor activity. An extensive network of public footpaths and numerous long-distance trails, over 1,800 miles (2,900 km) in total, as well as large open-access areas, are available for hillwalking and hiking. Bridleways are commonly used by mountain bikers, as well as horse riders. Some of the long-distance trails, such as the Tissington Trail and High Peak Trail, re-use former railway lines; they are well used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. The Park authorities run cycle hire centres at Ashbourne, Parsley Hay and Middleton Top. Wheelchair access is possible at several places on the former railway trails.

The many gritstone outcrops, such as Stanage Edge and The Roaches, are recognised as some of the finest rock climbing sites in the world.

Beneath the ground, the potholer enjoys natural caves, the potholes and old mine workings found in the limestone of the Peak. Peak Cavern is the largest and most important cave system which is even linked to the Speedwell system at Winnats. The only significant potholes are Eldon Hole and Nettle Pot. There are many old mine workings, which often were extensions of natural cave systems. Systems can be found at Castleton, Winnats, Matlock, Stoney Middleton, Eyam, Monyash and Buxton.

Some of the area's large reservoirs, for example Carsington Water, have become centres for water sports, including sailing, fishing and canoeing, in this most landlocked part of the UK. Other activities include air sports such as hang gliding and paragliding, birdwatching, fell running, off-roading, and orienteering.

### Experience the elements.

Earth, fire, water or air... you'll be in your element here by getting involved in one of the many special interest activities on offer or simply having a relaxing weekend at a luxury spa

There's a great choice of activity and special interest break providers in the area, offering everything from canoeing, map-reading and navigation courses to the more traditional outdoor pursuits.

For something a little different, there's also a fascinating range of breaks, from painting, pottery and spinning courses to beekeeping and birdsong - they're a great way to learn a new skill, gain a new perspective or simply unwind.

### Eating out

With an abundance of local organic farmers, butchers and bakers producing a superb range of authentic, goods including breads, cheeses, ales and our world famous local specialities, the Peak District & Derbyshire is a real delight for food lovers.

What could be better than to while away a relaxing hour or two in a village teashop with a refreshing pot of tea and a piece of famous Bakewell pudding or Ashbourne Gingerbread?!

For a true taste of the Peak District and Derbyshire, don't miss the opportunity to sample traditional produce at the regular farmers' markets held throughout the area in market towns such as Belper, Bakewell, Buxton, Castleton, Chesterfield and Derby or take home some of the local delicacies to share with family and friends. For the more sophisticated palate, the area boasts renowned restaurants and award-winning chefs offering the highest quality food in superb surroundings.



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