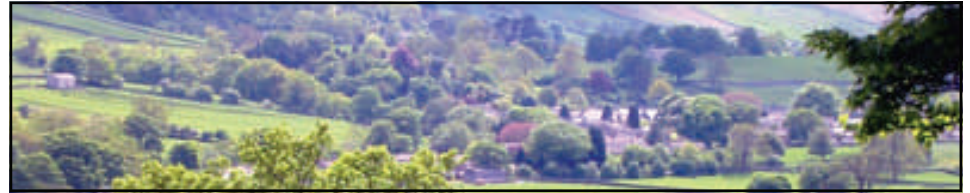




Country Hideaways

Escape to the Yorkshire Dales



The Rookery, Bishopdale



On a small knoll, facing south across the valley, sits The Rookery, covering over two acres of woodland broken by cultivated lawns and informal gardens. A wonderful place to explore, an island of tranquillity in a dales landscape. The original country house has long since gone leaving the stable block and courtyard which have been converted into an impressive dwelling.

A private drive crosses parkland meadow to an impressive arched entrance and flagged courtyard. Entrance to the house opens into a spacious, well-equipped kitchen that includes an Aga stove. To one side of the kitchen is a large dining room with woodburning stove that leads through to the drawing room with a Victorian fireplace and period chandelier. Both rooms have beautiful cornice work, polished hardwood floors and large windows bathing the rooms in warm natural light.

Also off the kitchen is a utility room that leads into a games room with ¾ size pool table, dartboard, galley kitchen and bathroom. A corridor leads from the games room to the courtyard. From the dining room a wide and elegant staircase with open balustrades and polished rails rises to the main landing that serves five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a shower room. Two bedrooms have twin beds, one a double bed, one a king size bed and the other a super-king size bed that can be split into twin beds if preferred. All bedrooms have large windows with views either over the courtyard to the far fells beyond or onto a rock terrace to the rear of the house and up the steep fell behind. One bathroom is en-suite to the king room, the other en-suite to the super-king room but both are also accessible from the landing. The double room, with brass bedstead, was originally a kitchen for the ostler and still contains the original Victorian kitchen range. The ceilings upstairs are vaulted into the roof space with rafters, purlins and king posts exposed in various forms adding individual character to each room.

The scale and setting of the house along with its unique style enhanced by the retention of original features and enriched by period fittings, fine furnishings and soothing colours makes this an enchanting place to stay. The Rookery offers very spacious accommodation, with woodland grounds and lawns that cannot be described as remote, in the true Dales tradition, but a perfect hideaway haven none the less.

Bishopdale

Bishopdale perhaps typifies our understanding of an upland, glaciated valley with its steep sides and flat bottom that was formed by great ice movements in past ages, but is now gently eroded by the lazy meandering of Bishopdale Beck, the largest tributary of the river Ure in Wensleydale. This small valley has many outstanding natural features. Among the most spectacular are the moorland streams that leave the high fells and rush to the valley floor down wooded gills where waterfalls and deep pools have been carved into the hillside by cascading water before it slows to the relative tranquillity of Bishopdale Beck. Bishopdale is also a minor and extremely picturesque trans-Pennine route that leaves the valley at its head climbing the steep Kidstones Bank to traverse the moor and descend into Wharfedale and on to Skipton.

The Rookery

Sleeps: **10**

Priceband:



Facilities:

Duvets and pillows are provided with linen and towels, oil-fired underfloor heating, fuel and electricity all included in the rent.

2 Colour TV's, DVD, radio/CD/tape player, microwave, automatic washer, tumble dryer, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, shaver point, 5 hairdryers, cot and high chair, garden furniture, barbeque. Payphone.

Ample parking in grounds.

Shop 3 miles, pub 2 miles.

Strictly non smoking.

Sorry, not suitable for pets.

This property is on a spring water supply.

Please note this cottage is let on a Friday to Friday basis and not the usual Saturday to Saturday.

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