



A well kept Secret

By Karen Shaw



If you go down past the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. Situated within the spectacular countryside of the Yorkshire Dales, this 17th Century recently restored farmhouse barn offers a glimpse of paradise, calm and tranquillity that really has to be seen to be believed. Upon first viewing Bookilber Barn my breath was literally taken away as I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of the place and its setting.

Bookilber Barn is the very high standard to which it is furnished, I felt like I was on the set of Dallas. After the owners had settled us in, we patiently waited for them to leave and then squealed with sheer delight at our weekend surroundings. The place simply exudes style and character with attention to the smallest of details that ensures that your stay will be as comfortable as possible. An example of this is the fact that the owners spent time individually and with

There are six bedrooms in total, each with their own unique style and ambience. Each room has the added benefit of being en suite with the stylish bathrooms perfectly complementing the ultra comfy bedrooms. The Barn also benefits from having its own wing, entrance and sitting room therefore offering an element of privacy for guests. There is a room to suit your mood, no matter how changeable you are!

prominent wood burner, ideal for those chilly nights as well as a huge TV (one of many throughout the property) and full home entertainment system. Visitors to Bookilber will not be disappointed with the outdoor living options as there is a spacious garden, patio, accompanying garden furniture, separate BBQ area and not forgetting the ultra chic hot tub complete with CD player and subtle lighting. This luxury item was utilised frequently!

All in all, making it ideal for taking advantage of this truly unique property and peaceful location. On one occasion throughout the weekend a few walkers ambled by and I really couldn't resist going out into the grounds to pretend I was gardening, acting like lady of the manor (well, you can dream!)

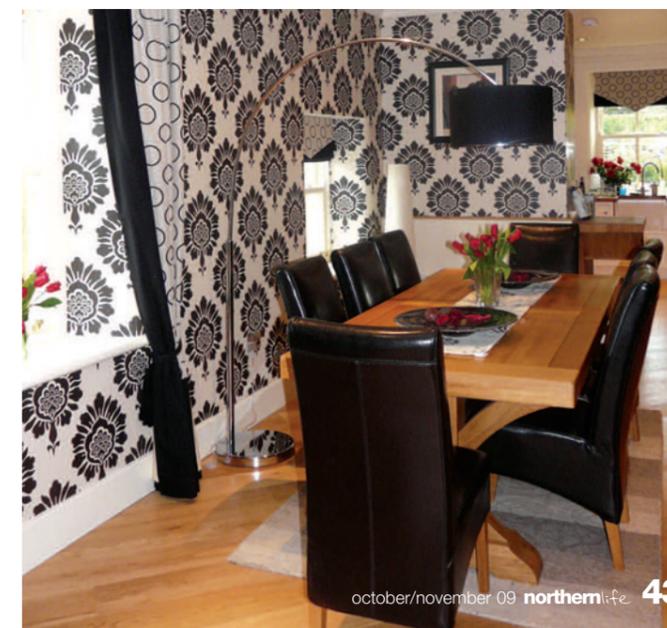
I cannot speak highly enough of Bookilber Barn; never in all my 38 years have I genuinely enjoyed a place so much. It's an ideal place for families and friends to share quality time together.

Most rural settings like to take you back to basics and can subsequently leave you yearning for your own surroundings and comforts. The exact opposite applies here as you will never want to leave this idyllic Yorkshire settings, if deadline for this issue wasn't approaching I would still be there now. This place is what dreams are made of and the only thing that the owners don't do well is cut corners.

So, to finish my only words of advice are book Bookilber now.

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The barn is situated approximately two miles along Langber Lane that is so utterly removed from the noise and haste, but is just off the Settle to Kirkby Malham Road only 1.5 miles from the historic town of Settle, North Yorkshire. This is ideally situated as the bustling market town offers a variety of shops, pubs and eating establishments.

However, the most striking feature of

their children within the property in order to establish the needs of their guests. The Barn benefits from modernisation throughout, with under floor heating and state of the art lighting systems to a well designed, spacious kitchen complete with American style fridge freezer with built in ice machine, ideal for a few cheeky gin and tonics!

Whilst I was preparing the evening meal I was forced to laugh when my husband Chris came into the kitchen and exclaimed 'Even the cot is colour co-ordinated!'

The feature barn doors provide a frame for the incredible landscape that sits comfortably next to the Barn.

The main sitting area features a