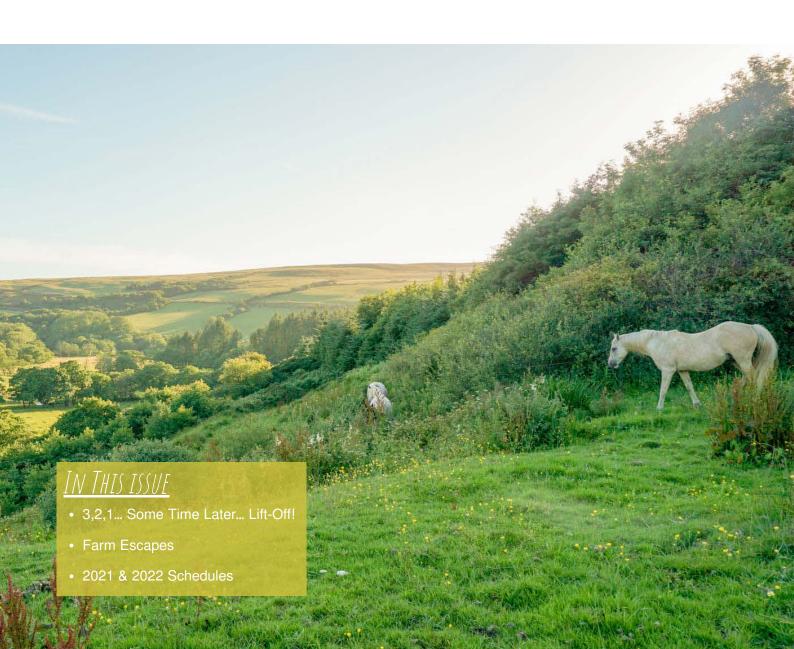
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## WILDER WAYS STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



IT IS THE CALL OF THE WILD, THE WILL OF THE HERD,
THE THUNDER OF HOOVES, THE POUND OF YOUR HEART,
IT IS RIDING... WILDER WAYS





## SORROWS COME NOT SINGLE SPIES, BUT IN BATTALIONS!

Our personal battalion started at Christmas when my mother took seriously ill with a lung condition and spent the festive season in hospital at the other end of the world – well Herefordshire – but it might as well have been as we weren't allowed to visit. She was barely home when I, new to the art of quad-biking, decided to run-over my wife!

Poor Cara, having spent weeks perfecting a new home for the piggies, ended up smashed against said pig-sty by my out-of-control reversing. Despite her usual heroism I managed to trick her into going to hospital, from where she emerged with severe soft-tissue damage and on two crutches. Oops!

My daughter's 17th. A great party with, well, the three of us at home, some venison and a small cake – in the middle of which the doctor's phoned to say Mum had taken worse and was unlikely to survive more than a few days. We drove down to Hereford that night, throwing Beithean out somewhere near Cairndow ('Happy Birthday Darling') arriving about 5am to a locked flat - great.

I was, eventually, allowed to visit Mum during her last few days and, thanks to WhatsApp, was able to bring in most of the family to her bedside - this time



"THIS TIME WAS A GIFT FOR WHICH I WILL BE FOREVER THANKFUL"

was a gift for which I will be forever thankful and which I know has been denied to so many this past year. She died peacefully a few days later.



Two more days and we are packing up to go home. Cara feels a bit unwell and, given the circumstances, we decided to get a test. Thus, we find that we are both COVID positive and are now stuck in Mum's teeny flat for two more weeks with temperatures and a farm full of animals over 500 miles away.

Thank goodness for Olivia who held the Wilder Ways fort together while we were away. Even when home we really struggled to throw off the disease and were floored by the simplest tasks – though still had the twenty odd horses, sheep, pigs and chickens to feed. It took weeks to get back on our feet.

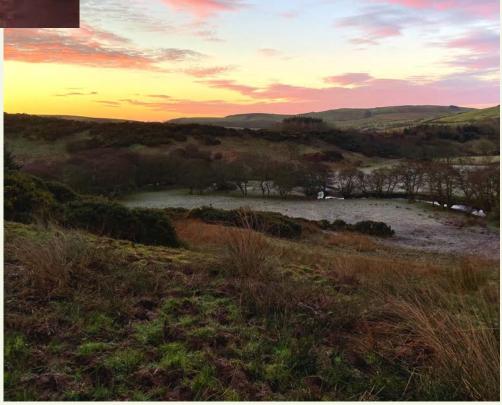


Well that's our three bad things!
Now the signs of Spring are
everywhere. Frogspawn in the pond,
ponies shedding fur, thrushes in the
garden and lesser celandine
blooming on the drive.

Like anxious parents we are awaiting the first Wilder Ways foals and – less cute but also exciting – a polytunnel and outdoor arena. It looks like we will be opening for holidays again on April 26th, at least to Scottish guests. Begone you trials and tribulations – we're going adventuring!









traditional rural skills or be immersed in the serenity of the farm from a bubbling hot tub. Let us spoil you, you really don't need to do a thing except choose your adventures!

April 26th will see our doors fly open and this is your chance to break free at the first opportunity.

## NEW TO 2021-OPEN FOR BOOKINGS NOW!

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, Wilder Ways are BACK with vengeance. The misfortunes of the past year have sparked creativity at Wilder Ways, resulting in new adventure offerings. Let's turn your cabin fever into Farm Fever with our new Farm Escapes - our most varied holiday EVER!

Treat your household (or bubble) to an exclusive, all-inclusive break where you 'pick n' mix' the adventures just for you. Hosted at our Glen Kerran Farm, with our 150 year old farmhouse and 100-acres of rolling farmland, rivers and woodlands at your disposal to explore. The space is yours to relish. Maximise on fresh air, great food and adventure with a clear conscience.

Whether you join us on a weekend or short break, you can choose from an exciting list. There is something for everyone, horse-lovers or non-riders, adults and kids, adrenaline junkies and chill-out champions.

Starting at £450 pp, you can choose from our renowned Horseback Archery classes, guided walking tours of secluded hidden islands, learn new



<u>here</u>



Having deja vu as I write this. It was only in January that we were telling you we were ready for full steam ahead with our exciting 2021 schedule. Two months later, let's try that again!

Season 2021, let's be having you! Adventures are primed – the Mull of Kintyre is calling YOU!

We now have even more to ignite your wild side. Whether you want to immerse yourself in horse; escape the norm and embrace farm life; or channel your inner horseback-archery warrior - we have an adventure for you... and did I mention hot tub under the stars?

Whichever exciting activities you choose, we promise to:

- indulge you in glorious wilderness;
- · overdose you with fresh air;
- spoil you with our delicious homegrown fodder;
- provide experiences of sheer exhilaration and mindful relaxation;

host you with complete care and eccentric character;

• give you a safe, ethical and well overdue holiday to remember for a lifetime!



The last 12 months have been a tough ride for us all – it is time to treat yourself.

## EX-COVID-ATE YOUR HOLIDAY

Enough is enough already. This nano-scopic critter has consumed our every thought and conversation for the last 12 months. Its neither gone, nor forgotten, but we want you not to worry – at least for a moment. So, we are offering you:

- ·Risk-free booking;
- ·Opportunities for household/bubble exclusivity;
- ·Your whole holiday in one place;
- ·Policies and procedures to ensure safe indoor environments;

·Plus loads of outdoor space where you can be completely carefree.

Our business is our home and having had COVID ourselves, we have first-hand appreciation of its seriousness. So, despite our tongue-and-cheek comments, please be rest assured your safety and the global fight against COVID is of the utmost importance to us.

For full COVID- 19 Policies & Booking/ Cancellation terms, click here

