

# TWO DAY RIDE IN RURAL WALES



## ARRIVAL

Guests will arrive at Upper Noyadd in time for tea. Upper Noyadd is a lovely white Welsh farmhouse with magnificent views over the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons. It was once visited by the writer Francis Kilvert who wrote about it lyrically in his diary.

Dinner will be a three-course dinner at Upper Noyadd cooked by a local chef.

## DAY 1

The first morning you set forth on the horses over the Begwyns, a chain of hills owned by the National Trust, with spectacular views over the Black Mountain to the south and the Brecon Beacons to the west. The Begwyns is an area of approximately 800 acres of open moorland.

Coming off the Begwyns you will ride on a small track past Llanstephan a 14<sup>th</sup> C church and then on through ancient woods and old drovers' roads with farms lost in time.

Lunch will be a picnic by the banks of the River Wye.

After lunch you will cross a small river and ride on through an ancient wood passing the magnificent Cilliau a medieval farmhouse untouched since the 15<sup>th</sup> C.

You will then ride back over the Begwyns and on to Upper Noyadd where a lovely tea will be waiting. After a relaxing bath, you will have a delicious three course dinner.



Dining room at Upper Noyadd

## DAY 2

Today's ride will take you above the lovely Llandewi Fach a 14<sup>th</sup> Century church (only accessible on foot) and up onto the wild open moorland of Llanbedr Hill passing the cave where the celebrated vicar known as the 'solitary' lived in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> C. From there an ancient drovers track will take you past 'Twm Tobacco's Grave' and along the Dancing Ground (where according to Welsh legend the last of the fairies were seen dancing) and on to Rhulen Hill where you will descent into the historic hamlet of Painscastle for lunch.

Lunch will be at the Roast Ox Inn. Painscastle is the sight of an immense border castle now reduced to a grassy mound from which Henry 3 ruled England for a summer of 1326.

The afternoon's ride will take you back onto the Begwyns and up onto the 'roundabout'. The 'roundabout' is the highest point on the Begwyns. At 1200 feet you have 360 degree views over towards the Brecon Beacons



and Black Mountains Red Hill, Glascwm Hill and Llanbedr Hill to the North where you have just been riding.

You will arrive back in time for a final tea at Upper Noyadd before going back to the real world from which you have escaped!