



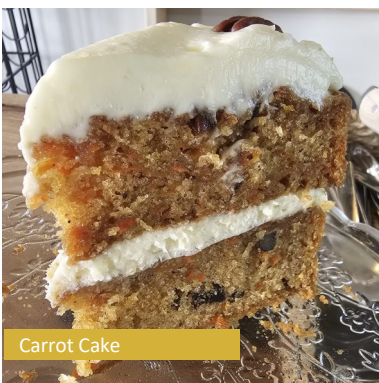
The Coffee Barn, Buckminster

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first newsletter for The Coffee Barn at Buckminster! Maybe you know the Coffee Barn, maybe you have no idea who we are, where we are or what we do? All of that is going to change and we want you to be part of our journey.

The Coffee Barn is located in Buckminster Barn, the former wedding venue of the Buckminster Estate. We offer classic coffees, other hot beverages, soft and alcoholic drinks throughout the day. Our Morning Kitchen serves everything from hearty breakfasts to lighter more health conscious choices from 10am and throughout the day.



Carrot Cake



Apple & Pecan Muffin



Chocolate Banana Loaf

As we move to midday, Lunch Bowls and Handhelds are the order of the day with crusty paninis, warming soups, ploughman's lunches and Super-Bowls.

Of course the Coffee Barn wouldn't be the Coffee Barn without a wide selection of sweet treats! Most are home-made and all are simply delicious! One of our regular visitors remarked this week "That's the best Victoria Sponge Cake I've ever tasted!"

The Coffee Barn is also available as a venue for celebrations and other events. Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, christening, wake, corporate or training activity you're planning we'd love to hear from you!



Find us by following the signs for Buckminster Barn!

PANCAKE DAY!

We're giving Pancakes away to children (and grandchildren!) from 3pm to 4pm on Tuesday 17 February!

Yes, you read that correctly! **FREE** pancakes ... because everyone loves a pancake!



DID YOU KNOW

Buckminster Park shares a couple of things in common with Belvoir Castle? Check the back page to find our more.

FIND US near the Church in Buckminster. Follow NG33 5RT on your SATNAV

MOTHERS DAY

The gift of time is the ultimate Mother's Day gesture. In our fast-paced world the rarest gift we can give the women who raised us isn't found in a box - it is the gift of a pause. This Mothers Day, on Sunday 15 March, we invite you to step away from the hub-bub of everyday life and into the tranquillity of the Coffee Barn.



Afternoon Tea is rooted in care and conversation, a 200-year-old ritual designed to be enjoyed slowly. From the moment you are seated, the outside world fades. Imagine the

soft clink of bone china, the aroma of traditional tea and the sight of a three-tiered stand laden with artisan craftsmanship.

Our menu is a love letter of seasonal flavours. It begins with delicate finger sandwiches - Scottish Smoked Salmon with lemon crème fraiche and Heritage Beef with horseradish. Then comes the star of the show: warm freshly baked scones served with thick Cornish clotted cream and our own raspberry preserve. To finish we've crafted a collection of edible jewels from tartlets to chocolate truffles.

Because every Mother deserves a bit of sparkle, each booking includes a complimentary glass of chilled fizz or a refreshing elderflower fizz. We're also able to cater to all dietary needs with dedicated vegan and gluten free menus, ensuring no one misses out on the indulgence.

Spaces for Mothers Day are strictly limited and highly sought after. Secure your table today by calling us on 07525171661 to ensure this Mothers Day is one she remembers long after the last crumb is gone.

RANDOM THOUGHTS!

We want the Coffee Barn to become a hub of the community, a place of happenings, a place for making memories, for celebration and reflection.

We also want it to serve the local community. We're wondering would there be interest in an afternoon for local crafters to gather? A Knit-and-Natter or Crochet-and-Chatter?

Men's mental health is often overlooked. How about a Coffee Morning specifically for men? A time to chat, share ideas and experiences?

The outdoor space at the Barn is quite extensive, we have ideas but not the green-fingers, could you help?

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our ramblings next time you're at the Coffee Barn.

WALKS FROM THE COFFEE BARN

Walk #01 : Buckminster, Sproxton and Coston Circular

7miles, approx. 3 hours

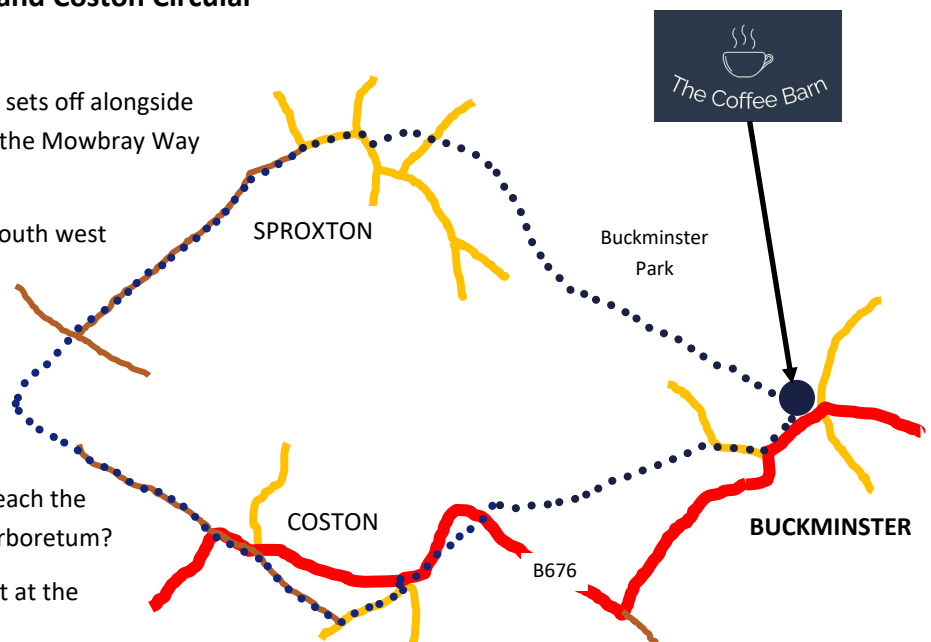
Starting at the Coffee Barn this 7 mile walk sets off alongside Buckminster Park on a footpath section of the Mowbray Way towards Sproxton.

From Sproxton a bridleway/byway heads south west before becoming a track leading to a left turn towards Coston.

In Coston the route hops on and off of the B676 before heading across open country again to meet the Sproxton Road.

Why not leave the Sproxton Road as you reach the edge of the village and walk back via the Arboretum?

Don't forget to reward yourself with a treat at the Coffee Barn on your return!



THE COFFEE BARN BUCKMINSTER CROSSWORD

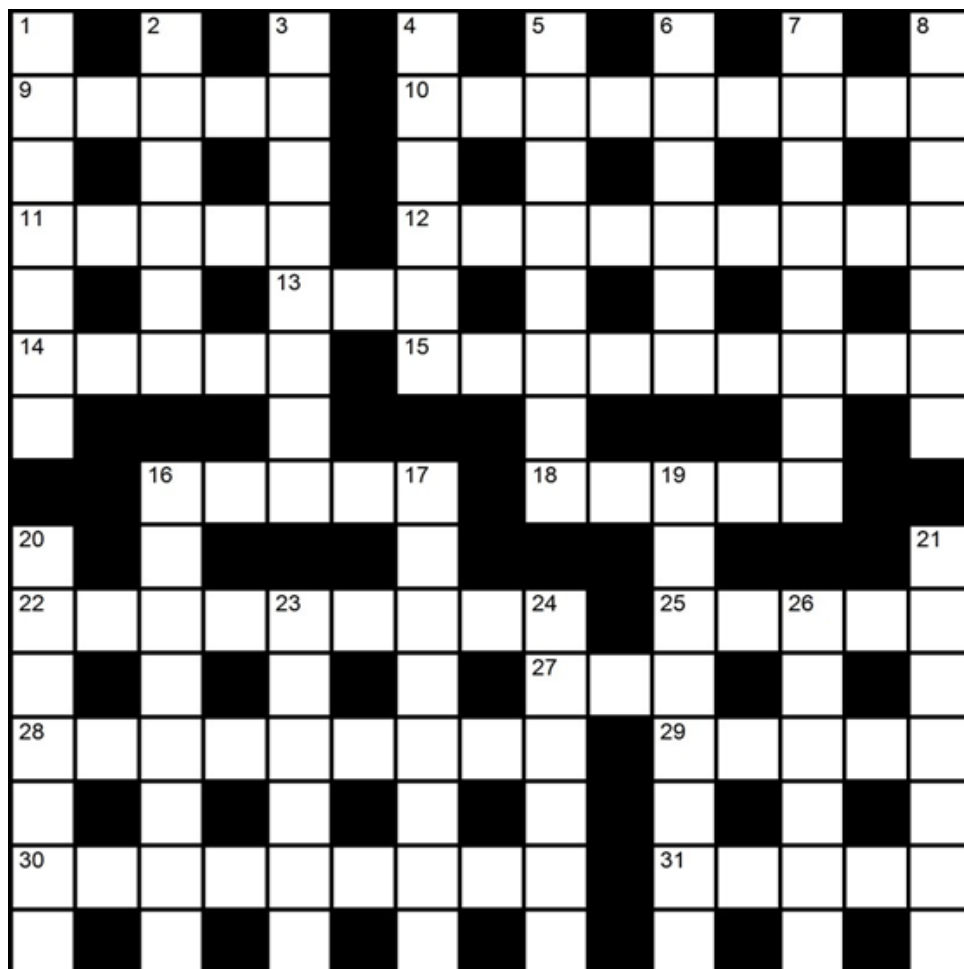
Grab a table, order a beverage and maybe a pastry? Sit back and work your way through this months Coffee Barn Crossword.

ACROSS

- 9 Corpulent (5)
 10 Extreme surprise (9)
 11 Souvenir (5)
 12 Inherent (9)
 13 Possess (3)
 14 Hebrew minor prophet (5)
 15 E.g. wine goblets (9)
 16 Bush (5)
 18 Double birdie (5)
 22 Large mass of sliding snow (9)
 25 Renounce (5)
 27 Open mesh fabric (3)
 28 Staff (9)
 29 Mistaken (5)
 30 Weaken insidiously (9)
 31 Passageway (5)

DOWN

- 1 Highest singing voice in women (7)
 2 Affluence (6)
 3 Recent arrival (8)
 4 Saw (6)
 5 Book end, perhaps (4,4)
 6 Exceptional intellect (6)
 7 Convince (8)
 8 Adhesive label (7)
 16 Frenzied rush (8)
 17 Single-celled organisms (8)
 19 Conceal with decorative paper (4,4)
 20 Neither solid nor liquid (7)
 21 Abrade (7)
 23 Part of a group (6)
 24 Followed (6)
 26 Cardiff International Airport (6)



BREAKFAST or BRUNCH at the COFFEE BARN

A hearty breakfast sets you up for the day and at the Coffee Barn we have something for everyone.

Our Big Barn Breakfast includes everything a full English should do cooked to perfection using locally sourced ingredients as much as possible. If the Big Barn is too much then we also offer a Little Barn - just as tasty but slightly smaller!



A Sausage, Bacon and Egg Cob, in any combination, makes for an wholesome breakfast that you could enjoy at the café or take-away with you.

Leaving a traditional Full English to one side, why not try Eggs Benedict, Smashed Avocado Sourdough or a Berry Pancake? If a Smaller Bite is all that is needed, something on toast ticks-the-box perfectly - chose from eggs (poached, fried or scrambled), baked beans, bacon, tomato and any combination of all four!

Of course we're also able to modify any of our dishes to accommodate a gluten free diet and offer vegetarian alternatives. Just ask.

EASTER WEEKEND

With Easter at the start of April this year it signals the start of spring. The days getting longer and dare we hope warmer?! With it's rural rustic charm and outstanding views across the rolling hills leading away from Buckminster the Coffee Barn comes into it's own!

We'd love you to join us over the Easter weekend from Friday 3 to Monday 6 April and we're going to make it something special.



LIVE JAZZ at the BARN

A first for the Coffee

Barn! We have a live jazz performance from 4pm on Easter Sunday.

Enjoy Afternoon Tea, a soft drink, beer or glass of wine as you take in the ambience of the surrounding countryside whilst the sound of live music drifts around you.

It's completely free to attend and there is no need to book, just come along! All we do ask is that you book a table if you'd like Afternoon Tea so we can ensure everything is in place for when you arrive. Call us on 07525171661, email us at info@thecoffeebarn.org or message us on Facebook or Instagram to make your booking.



EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Coffee Barn Easter Egg Hunt is great fun for children of all ages, in fact for the whole family, and who doesn't like a chocolate Easter egg!

Collect a sheet of clues from the Coffee Barn at any point we're open over the Easter weekend. Enjoy a walk around Buckminster as you hunt for the answers to the clues – they're things to find rather than brain teasers!

Once you've found the answers, return to the Barn and collect your chocolate egg! Of course ... it's completely free!

SOCIAL MEDIA

For the latest up to date information about happenings at the Coffee Barn, follow us on social media.



FACEBOOK

facebook.com/thecoffee.barn.buckminster



INSTAGRAM

[@thecoffee.barn](https://instagram.com/thecoffee.barn)

BUCKMINSTER AND BELVOIR

In the landscape of the East Midlands, James Wyatt looms large as a master of architectural reinvention. The close proximity of Buckminster Park and Belvoir Castle highlights a fascinating paradox; the same architect was responsible for two buildings that could not have looked more different.

At Buckminster (1790s), Wyatt championed the Neo-Classical. It was a house of reason – symmetric, refined and stone-faced - designed to sit harmoniously

within its "Picturesque" parkland. It represented the peak of Enlightenment elegance, where every pillar and window followed strict mathematical rules of the ancient world.

In stark contrast, Wyatt's work at Belvoir (begun 1801) helped ignite the Gothic Revival. Here, he abandoned symmetry for drama, creating a theatrical silhouette of turrets and battlements that looked back to a romanticised medieval past.

Tragically, fire links both legacies. While Belvoir was rebuilt after a blaze in 1816 to remain a local icon, the 1951 fire at Buckminster proved fatal for Wyatt's classical vision. Today, the two sites serve as a dual monument to Wyatt's genius: one a surviving fortress of the imagination, the other a haunting "ghost landscape" where only the trees remain to mark his grand design.



Belvoir Castle : Image - Richard Croft



Buckminster Park : Image - lostheritage.org

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