

Welcome to Your Letterbox's Book Corner. This month's book is by an author whose books have brought joy to children across the UK - Karen Langtree.

Author

Karen was born in Newcastle, but now lives near York. She was a primary school teacher for a long time, but now writes books and musicals full-time. She has been the bestselling children's author at the Wychwood Festival two years running.

Her tag line is 'Inspiring Creativity' - this is what she aims to achieve when she visits schools and libraries.

Books

With 7 books published for ages ranging from 3 to 7 years old; varying from adventure, drama and comedy. With one being Knights of the Wobbly Table - this draws you into medieval mayhem with 3 time travelling, trumping knights!

Having written for key stage 1 & 2, Karen has now published a book aimed at teens to young adults...



The New Book: Breaking Silence

Classified as a dystopian or post-apocalyptic novel, this explores what society might look like in 50 years time, when our normal order of things no longer exists.

Join 16-year-old Si and Chas, thrown together in a world filled with uncertainty, forming a deep bond they fight for their lives as their pasts threaten to consume them.

A recent 5-star review stated: "Action packed gripping read set in the future in Yorkshire and Northumberland. Leaves you longing to read the next instalment."

If you would be interested in winning a copy of **Breaking Silence** go to **Yourcommunity.online** for more information on how to enter this month's competitions.

ADVERTORIAL

# Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership



Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

Group Managing Director Marcus McGee believes that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing company policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 25 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople

perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle.

Locally Cloudy2Clear service the Bicester & Kidlington areas and manager James Miller agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good

business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.'

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give James a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!



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## Restaurant Review



# The Yurt

at NICHOLSONS

...a food destination made of dreams!

Are you fascinated by yurts?! Nicholsons have England's second biggest! At an incredible 48 feet wide, housing a fantastic restaurant, the yurt itself is one of a kind – designed specifically for Nicholsons. Hand built in Devon, the only one you will currently find in Oxfordshire. It's unique design and open-plan setting make this a top dining destination.

Nestled in the lovely village of North Aston, Nicholsons plays home to a beautiful 23-acre family-run garden centre specialising in trees, hedging and topiary. The Yurt, a café with character, offers a wonderful way to enjoy a great dining experience once you have completed your shopping.

Serving primarily locally, and always ethically, sourced food - this is a place which has serviced huge amount of thought, the attention to detail is obvious throughout. The unique experience of dining at The Yurt is evident from the moment you step through the doors. Light, airy and elegant this beautifully hand designed venue is delicious even before you taste the food!



for a natural full flavour. Last but no means least, the speciality hot chocolate. Described by Victoria Prentis as the "best hot chocolate in the area". You get the choice of two organic chocolates (bitter or sweet) which is then hand beaten into a luscious, thick chocolatey mixture, topped off with North Aston Dairy milk to give you a mug of chocolate heaven! Perhaps the secret is the use of chocolate callets with the sweet at 60% cocoa and the bitter boasting 70%. We didn't try just one, and thoroughly enjoyed discovering the contrast between bitter and sweet. Rob is an expert, his passion is immediately recognisable when it comes to hot chocolate! He was more than happy to make sure all options were available to us, including the option of dairy free coconut milk enjoyed by us on the day. Truly something for everyone.

of where it was sourced and a great description of what to expect - enlightening our imagination and setting our tummies into action!

Delicious, fresh breads (made on site - a common occurrence here) including wholemeal and walnut, with dipping balsamic, as well as fresh olives arrived with our refreshing drinks (including coconut water and freshly squeezed juices). Presentation is funky but tasteful.



Making a choice was difficult when you wish to sample everything on the menu! Eventually choosing an array of delicious dishes including the Caramelised Potato, Red Onion, Red Pepper and Feta Cheese Tart; with stunning presentation. The Mackerel Escabeche, Beetroot Relish, Celeriac Remoulade alongside Grapefruit Segments and Crab Rillet. Other items polished off were delicious smoked salmon, a rare roast beef and vegetarian strudel, something for every pallet - we're omitting all the details, but definitely reassuring readers that all dishes are incredible. Their chef celebrates local fresh food... everything is prepared in the kitchen (using herbs from the gardens and finest salad leaves from North Aston Organics). The menu celebrates vegetarian food and The Yurt are happy to cater for all dietary requirements.

The Yurts bolstering breakfasts are served until 11.30am, then lunches from 11.30am until 3.30pm - with excellent choices. Offering a menu driven by the ever-changing seasons, shifting as new crops become available.

Your bite to eat will be even more improved by the delightful staff. Rob, the manager, took care of us outstandingly throughout our visit. His knowledge and attentiveness is second to none. With each item on the menu he had the story

Despite feeling satisfied the 'desserts, cakes and biscuits' couldn't be ignored and all of us tucked in! Sampling one of Penny's cakes delivered fresh from her kitchen - the divine carrot cake with cream cheese topping was heavenly. Taking up a scrumptious serving of sticky toffee pudding was done with no thought needed and we were in luck with an item from the seasonal menu – a hot cross bun. The chocolate brownie accompanied with raspberry and mango sorbet - delectable. Ice cream is also available at The Yurt. On the day we enjoyed the rhubarb, vanilla and passionfruit flavours - dreamy! A quick tip... Penny's cakes are worth your perusal - these are served all day, shh!

The Yurt's wide range of ethically-sourced organic coffees, teas and speciality hot chocolates are reason enough to pay them a visit (for us - the cherry on top, our after-dinner delights!). With coffee coming from Jericho Coffee Traders – an Oxford based organic coffee company. Their teas come individually packed in loose leaf form



We were delighted to be told all products are fair trade and served with the environment in mind. An exceptional experience from start to finish, we left feeling revitalised and invigorated, on 'yurt nine'!

The Yurt, Nicholsons Nurseries, The Park, North Aston, Bicester, OX25 6HL