

This week: beautiful bungalows



◀ **Anglesey:** Pink Lodge, Llanedwen, Llanfair PG. A pretty pink bungalow in a rural location adjoining open parkland and close to the National Trust's estate at Plas Newydd. 2 beds, bath, 2 receps, study/bed 3, kitchen, cloakroom, garage, garden. £245,000 Carter Jonas 01248-362536.

▼ **North Yorks:** The Old Courtyard, Weeton, Harrogate. A beautifully converted range of traditional stone outbuildings in a rural location with views over Wharfedale. 4 beds, 3 baths, 2 receps, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, garden, pasture, 5.5 acres. £750,000 Strutt & Parker 01423-561274.



▼ **Somerset:** The Shippen, North Barrow, Yeovil. An eco-friendly stone barn conversion with lovely period features and views to Glastonbury Tor. 3 beds, 2 baths, 1 recep, utility, greenhouse, summerhouse, paddocks, solar-powered heating, reed bed filtration system, 5.5 acres. £395,000 Woolley & Wallis 01747-852242.



▼ **North Devon:** The Glass Box, Holdstone Down, Combe Martin. A very spacious single storey house on Exmoor with magnificent views over both the moor and the Bristol Channel from all the principal rooms. 4 beds, 3 baths, 2 receps, kitchen, study, cloakroom, studio, woodstore, gardens, 2.5 acres. £745,000 Jackson-Stops & Staff 01271-377833.



▼ **Devon:** Kestor, Moretonhampstead. A unique contemporary house surrounded by mature woodland, with panoramic views over Dartmoor. 4 beds, 2 baths, 2 receps, kitchen, study, cloakroom, utility, larder, office, self-contained 2-bed cottage, paddock, large stable, stores, landscaped gardens, 10 acres. £1m Strutt & Parker 01392-215631.



Country matters

Watch out! said The Independent on Sunday. Bears, wolves, elk and lynx – animals once native to Britain – could soon once again be roaming the Highlands. Paul Lister, the millionaire son of the founder of the MFI furniture chain and owner of the 23,000 acre Alladale Estate, 50 miles from Inverness, wants his land to form the core of a 50,000-acre wildlife haven modelled on the Shamwari Game Reserve near Cape Town.

Next year he will introduce a trial enclosure and fill it with elk and wild boar. Within four years they'll be joined by bear and wolves (hunted to extinction in 1743).

Got a nice view from your window? Then it could cost you, says the Sunday Telegraph. As part of its reassessment of property values scheduled for 2007, the government is identifying those features that could increase



your house's value and so push it into a higher band of council tax. Hitherto your tax band was determined by the area you live in; soon it's likely to be affected by whether you have a view of hills or rivers; whether you have a tennis court, a large patio, a conservatory and so on. Such features will signal an increase: but if you have a lousy view on to the local knacker's yard, there's no suggestion your tax bill will come down.