

NEWS FROM THE TAP (updated 3 Feb 06)

This is updated monthly with additions or amendments throughout the text so, sorry, you just have to read the lot again each time.

FOOD

John has just taken over the kitchen and makes sure we now have food available every lunchtime, Monday to Friday. His standards are very high, everything is fresh and organic products are used whenever possible.

Current sandwiches include Pastrami and Roasted Peppers, Parma Ham and Soft Cheese, Mature Cheddar and Red Onion Chutney. He only uses top quality ingredients. Cheese is from the Cheese Society, handily just across the road, and yes that is real butter on the bread!

NEW LICENSING LAWS

We have some flexibility now, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays, when last orders are usually around 11.30, other nights 11.00ish. Drinking-up time is no longer such a rushed affair but there's no admission or readmission after 10.45. Bands start around 8.30 on a Friday and finish as normal, not long after 11.00.

MUSIC

The Photo Gallery continues to grow. Anyone taking photos, particularly on gig nights, is invited to give us a disk or preferably email them and we'll get them on this web site.

Check out the fabulous photographs from the Montreaux and North Sea Jazz and Blues Festivals by Sue Storey, which have replaced much of the less interesting memorabilia on the walls.

Every Friday the Tap is famed for its live musicians – some well known locals, others from all over the country who are on national tours and want to stop off at the Tap. We're getting phone calls from all over the country for the Keith James Nick Drake concert wanting to reserve tickets at any price. Of course, all our events are free general admission but please get in early and spend a lot over the bar.

We've also brought back a new style Music Quiz on one week in the month, the second Wednesday. Colin (Chappo) puts a lot of work into this and its really good so please give it your support.

We plan to continue live music on about one Wednesday a month. Last week's Swamp Donkeys will return in June and Paul Gibbard will be next in March.

Sunday teatime jam sessions are just getting better. Blues and jazz mainly with the occasional folk incursion. The weekly General Knowledge Quiz follows at 9pm and is always well supported so get in early for a seat and table.

GENERAL

The bench seats have been resprung and reupholstered, just the bases and in the same covering, we wouldn't want to change too much. The carpet in the No Smoking area has been replaced along with all the curtains but we think the fourteen-year-old decoration is just fine the way it is.

The Tap welcomes everyone except those who don't. We only discriminate against those who make others feel unwelcome.

The customer base is as diverse as ever with an age range from 18 to 90 and is a melting pot for every conceivable social and economic grouping. The Photo Gallery says it all.

A REAL PUB - - Real Ales, Real Food, Real Music, Real People.