

NEWS FROM THE TAP (updated 3Jan 06)

NEW LICENSING LAWS

We have some flexibility now, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays, when last orders can be at 11.30, other nights 11.00. 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

Sorry to all those who missed the sell out New Years Eve ticket only musical extravaganza because it was not widely advertised except in the pub. Photos soon to be posted.

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've also brought back a new style Music Quiz on one week in the month, the second Wednesday.

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.

FOOD

Fresh soups of the day like broccoli and stilton or tomato and basil. Sandwiches include home-roast ham carved from the joint, griddled bacon and Lincolnshire sausage.

Daily specials can include stilton and walnut rarebit and warm goat's cheese together with more meaty staples such as chicken curry and chilli con carne.

The Tap also does a wonderful and unique Ploughman's. No chips or fry-ups though, they taint the beer quality. Prices start at £2.50 and are capped at £4.95.

The full menu is currently available Friday and Saturday lunchtimes only but this is under review and likely to be extended soon.

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.

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