

# The Barge Inn Honeystreet Newsletter

January 2012



## WINTER OPENING HOURS

Now that we have a highly successful summer behind us, and we move into the second half of the winter period, it is necessary to review our opening hours between now and the start of the Easter trading period. We are not alone in being a very seasonal pub, and it simply doesn't make sense to remain open for long hours during wintertime.

Accordingly, we have introduced new opening hours and a modified restaurant menu that will run until late March/early April. Our aim is to maintain the high food and customer service standards that we have achieved during our first full year of operations and, at the same time continue to be profitable – not always an easy task!

As of 8<sup>th</sup> January, our winter opening hours will be:

SUNDAY	Open from 11.30am until 10.30pm The full lunchtime menu will be extended until 4pm but there will be no food service in the evening.
MONDAY	Open from 11am until 3pm and from 6pm until 11pm Full menu
TUESDAY	Open from 6pm until 11pm only No food service
WED & THUR	Open from 11.30pm until 3pm and from 6pm until 11pm Full menu
FRIDAY	Open from 11.30pm until 3pm and from 5pm until midnight Full menu
SATURDAY	Open from 11.30am until midnight Full menu

## THE CAMPSITE

We are intending to reopen the campsite before the Easter weekend and to accommodate the Honeyfest campers (see below). The exact date has yet to be decided. We are slowly making plans to build a new toilet and shower block, but this may not be ready until later in the season.

## HONEYFEST 2012

### The festival

Yes indeed! There will be a Honeyfest in 2012, and it will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. But this year it is being held in a fabulous rural location between Rockley and Barbury – visit the website at [www.honeyfestuk.com](http://www.honeyfestuk.com). It will be a little larger than last year, and will go on a little longer – ending at 10pm. Some of the line-up has already been published – see the Honeyfest website for up-to-date details, but the whole feel to the festival will be the same as last year – a blend of village fayre with lots of live folksy music!

### **National and local tickets**

National tickets are already on sale through Ticketweb for £39 and local tickets at the reduced price of £30 are on sale at the pub (kids under 12 are still free). This year there will be a £5 car parking charge at the festival site – those tickets are also on sale at the pub. Last year we sold our entire allocation of local tickets, so early purchasing is recommended.

### **The shuttle bus**

We shall also be offering a shuttle coach service for people wishing to go to Honeyfest from the Pewsey area and The Barge, but who do not want to drive there – and who also want to avoid any drink/drive problems. There will be pick-up points in Pewsey, Wilcot (Golden Swan), North Newnton (Woodbridge Inn), and Honeystreet (Sawmills). A return trip will cost £10, and kids under 12 will be £5 (pay on the coach). Full details and times will be published nearer the event, but anyone interested in this service should contact the pub (01672 851705) to pre-book their seats on the coach fairly soon.

### **The camping and shuttle package**

We are offering a weekend (one or two night) camping package at the pub to include seats on the shuttle bus, and a special deal on a meal in the pub, all at a discounted price. Contact the pub for details.

### **Volunteers needed**

We shall be needing quite a few volunteers to help run the on-coach admin for the bus – they will get free entry into the festival when not on duty. Anyone interested should give their names in at the pub as soon as possible.

## **THE NEW BARN**

We expect work to start on rebuilding the oak-framed barn sometime during January and March, with completion just before Easter. Watch this space for more details.

## **ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS IN THE PUB DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

### **Craft evenings**

January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Start at 7pm. Come and learn a new skill, or practise one that you already have. Exchange ideas and relax for a few hours.

### **Kids' early evening meals**

January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. May be extended into February and March if there is sufficient support. Please note that you must book by midday the day before. (01672 851705)

### **Jam sessions**

Every Thursday evening from 9pm.

### **Over 60s lunches**

As usual, every Wednesday lunchtime until (nearly) Easter.

### **Quiz and chilli nights**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> – will not run over the summer. Nominal entry fee.

### **Magic night**

Tell us if you would like another of these fun evenings – if we get enough takers we will run another one in February or March.

## LOCAL PRODUCE REALLY DOES TASTE BETTER

Please don't forget that we are still running our 'Veg for Vouchers' scheme whereby local people are encouraged to bring all their over-production to Head Chef Carl Games, who more often than not will be pleased to accept it. In return, the grower will be given a voucher that can be used against any meal in the pub. The quality of the produce tends to be very high – and cheaper! – so everyone benefits. Please let us have lots more of it in 2012 – a sort of 'vegetable olympics'.

## OUR WEBSITE (AND EMAIL)

Visit us at [www.bargeinncommunityproject.com](http://www.bargeinncommunityproject.com) or contact us at [infobargeinn@gmail.com](mailto:infobargeinn@gmail.com).

Like everyone else, we're on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/241105422718/>) and Twitter (@bargeinnhoneystreet).

## IT WAS PURE MAGIC!

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October last year we held a very special event – a three course meal, during which our resident magician, Mark Peace (a Pro Magician and member of the Magic Circle), passed among diners and amazed them with impossible feats of magic and sleight of hand. The evening was a sell-out with tickets priced at £25 each. Mark was given a huge round of applause at the end of the evening, and we are hoping to stage a repeat performance in the not too distant future, probably around mid-February, so register your interest now (01672 851705) to avoid disappointment.

## ON SALE AT THE BAR

Crop circle calendars	The official 2012 calendar by Lucy Pringle is now available from the bar. It is really rather splendid, and worth every bit of £12 (only £1 per month!). The proceeds are split between the Barge Inn Community Project and the photographer.
Greetings cards	All proceeds go to Help for Heroes.
Postcards	£1 each, depict the crop circle ceiling mural. Proceeds split between the BICP and the artist.
Sculptures in wood	On the walls of the pub are four of the most beautiful wood sculptures you will ever have seen. They are on sale for between £200 and £900 and proceeds will be split between the BICP and sculptress.
Hand-carved walking sticks	£15 to £25, to be introduced in 2012, proceeds split between the BICP and the carver.

... and still a few Honeyfest 2011 T-shirts to give away!

## THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Just a reminder that this is a useful way to feed comments in to the Barge Inn Community Project. The group is chaired by Sharyn, and she can be contacted on 07584 042684.

## THE SATURDAY LIVE MUSIC LINE UP

### January

14<sup>th</sup> Bob Bowles (Blues)

28<sup>th</sup> Jim Blair (Singer/Songwriter)

### February

4<sup>th</sup> Uncle Jack (Live Juke Box) (provisional)

11<sup>th</sup> Josh n Ben (Acoustic Duo)

25<sup>th</sup> Gaz Brookfield (Singer/Songwriter)

### March

10<sup>th</sup> Missin Rosie (Irish Folk)

24<sup>th</sup> Blind River Scare (Country/Blues Rock)

31<sup>st</sup> The Ragged Kingdom (Celtic Folk)

### April

7<sup>th</sup> Humdinger (Classic & Modern Covers)

13<sup>th</sup> State of Undress (Folk Style)

14<sup>th</sup> (To Be Announced – Honeyfest Weekend)

21<sup>st</sup> Crash (Classic & Contemporary Rock Covers)

28<sup>th</sup> Peter Jagger (Blues/Rock)

### May

12<sup>th</sup> Missin Rosie (Irish Folk)

19<sup>th</sup> Echo (Covers & Originals)

26<sup>th</sup> Gaz Brookfield (Singer/Songwriter)

## FREE OFFER TO BANDS WHO WANT EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC ARENA

We have a few Saturday nights in January and February when we do not have bands booked. If you have a local group or band, or are a solo artist, have your own sound gear, and would like to showcase your talent to a highly appreciative audience, then contact Paul Jones at the pub (01672 851705) and have a chat to him as soon as possible. You won't get a performance fee, but you will get a free beer!