

**What's On at the Old Spot - Forthcoming Events**

**March**

- Wed 23rd Wine tasting courtesy of Mathew Clarke.  
Tickets £10 including supper.
- Sun 27th Steve & Bel's 10 Year Party All Welcome

**April**

- Sun 3rd Mothers Day 3 Course Lunch Booking essential  
£16.25
- Sat 16th Otter Brewery Tour followed by real ale tour of Bristol  
£25 pp
- Fri 22nd Good Friday Festival of Fish  
Prices vary
- Sun 24th Easter Sunday 3 Course Lunch  
£16.25
- Sun 24th Easter Sunday Charity Quiz  
(all proceeds to Cotswold Care Hospice)
- Tue 26th Celebrity Chef  
(all proceeds to Cotswold Care Hospice) £10.00
- Fri 29th Royal Wedding - join us for a Royal Wedding Lunch  
£T.B.C.

**May**

- Sun 1st Charity Quiz (all proceeds to Cotswold Care Hospice)
- Sun 8th Paintballing  
(names behind the bar please) £25 per person
- 13th/14th Guest Barman - Neil Carmichael

Look out for, cricket matches, kayak trips, beer festivals, music events, tank driving, BBQs and what any other mayhem we can come up with!

**Cheers!**

**Steve Herbert**  
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**NEWS**



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Welcome guys to the first newsletter of 2011, before we get stuck into what the next couple of months have lined up for you, let's have a recap on last year:

**A Review of 2010**

**Celebrations**

The year began with Brigid & Jamie's wedding in February.



graced the bar and a garden party on the Sunday was followed by a week of all Uley's Ales.

Fletch turned 60 in May. I Don't think the Bus Pass has had much use so far though!



Also in March, we celebrated Uley Brewery's 25 years in the business, the first ever beer being brewed in March 1985. A celebratory brew 'Gilt Edge'



Bel's Big B'day was in early July, heralded by another successful, noisy and very late garden party. That was one really great evening!



July also saw Nic Ruben and Liz Parry get engaged. And September saw Kelly & Neil McKenzie announce their up-and-coming wedding,



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and Hayliegh and Steve Lane their engagement.

October saw the birth of two Big girls! The first to Georgie and Dean with 'little' Lilyana



Marie weighing 8lb 4oz!! Ouch! The second to our very own Brigid and Jamie with Evalyn



N a d e n e weighing in at 9lbs 4.5oz. Even bigger ouch!

### Celebrity Chef



Dean Boston in March took over with his take on Middle Eastern Food and in May, we were honoured

by Reverend Janet taking up the mantel with a celestial feast!



Early June and Cheryl Downton tried her hand with her take on a London night. In July, it was Wendy Stevens with an Italian evening.



In October, it was Jane Roberts' turn again, this time serving up Spanish Tapas. It was voted

as probably one of the best ever!

### Ric's Plaque

The 20th March saw the unveiling of Ric's Plaque. This if you remember, was funded by a few of our beloved CAMRA guys parting with their facial hair - a total of 90 years' worth went into the dustpan!



In July, Ric's painting went off for renovation - and was actually done by the very lady who painted it originally,

Lucy Orchard. After some experiments with non-reflective glass, He now hangs proudly in his same old spot in his much revitalised state! Big thanks to Chris Arrowsmith for organising both the plaque and the renovation of the painting.

### Pub Grub

March saw the Mother's Day Lunch and the 2nd Gourmet Night (sold out even before the menu had been compiled). April arrived with the Festival of Fish (which sold out in record time)



on Good Friday and the Easter Sunday Lunch. The 3rd



Days are available to suit you (call for availability) although general days for low numbers are available on 23.04.11 & 21.05.11 from 10.00 to 1600. We'll even collect you from Parsonage St car park. Call 07771 642 921 for more into.

### Wedding Bells

Good luck sis on your up and coming wedding you're going to look amazing!

### Clive 'Whack' Walker

Clive, or as many of us knew him, 'Whack' had been a regular at the Old Spot for about 8 years. Initially, Clive would sit quietly, but it wasn't long before he became a highly respected member of the early doors 'Old Spot Mafia'.



He charmed us all with his razor sharp wit, but was also just the guy to have in your corner if you had to talk seriously about something that was bothering you.

If I may take some words from the epitaph Kenny Boy gave at

his memorial service ...

*"In the grand scheme of things, I didn't really know Clive for that long but in that time he became my closest friend and confidante. I reckon that you're lucky if you meet maybe 3 or 4 of what I call 'great people' in a lifetime.*

*Clive was rounded, had balance and integrity and was non-judgemental. And he seemed so at ease with his place in this crazy world. It's been a privilege and an honour to be a small part of that journey. Clive was truly great."*

And that didn't just apply to Ken, there were many many of us that felt the same way.

*Stu the Brew*

### Ken Hall

Ken Hall passed away just before Christmas last year. He was 86. His life story is on our website and is well worth reading. He was an avid Gloucester supporter and will be sadly missed by his many friends.



about to change! From Monday 21st March, we will be serving evening meals **but only on a Monday between 6.30 and 9.30**. This way, it shouldn't interfere with the important job of quaffing fine ale. Look out for information in and about the pub.

**Meet the Brewer - Otley**



A big thank you to Otley Brewery for hosting a brilliant Meet the Brewer. Six beers were sampled in total and £360 was raised for Cotswold Care Hospice.

**Hospitality NVQs**

Good luck to Steve Heaven, Tori and Robbie who have embarked on their Hospitality NVQs.



**Celebrity Chef: Jane Roberts**

Jane Roberts took her rightful place as queen of Celebrity Chefs, with another truly awe inspiring



Mexican night . . . so much food! With a raffle as well we managed to raise £415 for Cotswold care hospice.

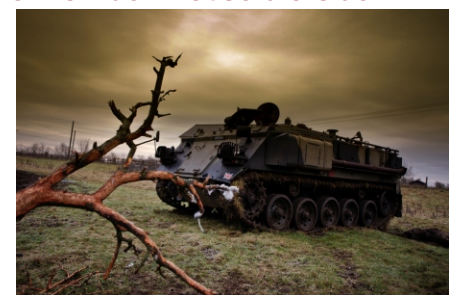
**Raffle Prizes Wanted**

With all the fundraising going on we are in need of raffle prizes if you have something no matter how small, that might be appropriate please drop it in to a member of staff.



**Tank Driving**

Have you noticed military vehicles around Dursley? Ever wanted to have a Military Experience Day with your mates? Well you can! From driving a Land Rover to lighting a fire – do what soldiers do!



Gourmet Night was in November – another resounding success.



**Beer Fests**

April gave us the St. George's Beerfest where you, the customers voted on your favourite beers.



The Summer Beerfest gave us the Alphabet Fest – 26 ales, one representing each letter of the alphabet – we needed a little leeway here!



Frocester in late August was a blast as usual, followed by yet another garden party – the Annual obligatory Frocester Chillout - manic, amazing and drunken!

**Charity Quiz Nights**

April's Quiz was organised by Donna King (proceeds going to Dursley Scouts)



and in early May, Viv Jones was in the chair (The charity being the Guide Dogs). Late May, and Jude Dacey was hosting the brainteasing.



**Meet the Brewer**

April saw Moles Brewery pop along to the Spot and entertain us with stories and samples. Then in May, Wadworths took the helm.

**Paintballing**

May and the 'Skirmish' began again. And for the second year in a row, the Old Gits whipped the Young Pups. This year's event is coming up shortly – good luck to all!



**Cricket**

The Young Pups once again beat the Old Gits in what is becoming everybody's favourite cricket match.

The customers vs staff cricket match proved interesting to say the least. Teams were chosen

on their enthusiasm rather than the skill, and to a certain degree it certainly showed! With the batting, fielding, and oh my God, the bowling ... well, a great afternoon was had by everyone despite the lack of coordination shown by some!



The Ric Sainty-Sandra Morgan shield cricket match (Old Spot vs Old Crown) took place at Cam cricket pitch in August. I am pleased to announce that the Old Spot won this leg! The Cricket Bat Trophy is on display in the pub.

**Wye Kayak Trip**

This year's annual kayak trip proved better than ever with 22



of us heading down the Wye, the weather wasn't brilliant but the company was!

**Staff**



David Hamilton - Nice things come in small packages!

Tom Sainty left us in June to begin what is showing signs of being a very successful career with Bath Ales.



In September, Louis Rummer-Downing (one happy chappy) and Tori (she will always have the last word!) Henley joined us . . . and then there is Jason.

'Surfer Boy' has been a keen beer drinker for several



years now – and now he's on our side of the bar too!



**Obituaries**

Jim Murphy, a long time regular at the Spot passed away in May.



**St James' Church Roof**



Our local curate, Rev. Skye pulled a shed-load of pints behind the bar in July raising funds for St James Church. Moles Brewery donated the beer with "Holy Moley"!

**AND so on with this year ...**

**New York Marathon**

Over the last 10 years I am really proud of the way various people, groups & organisations have come together to raise money for various charities. With that as a inspiration, 5 of us: myself, Neil Malpass, Dan Gabb, Jordan Lewis and Mike Booth have decided to run the New York Marathon. We have nominated the Cotswold Care Hospice as our charity.



Over the next 8 months we have set ourselves the challenge of raising £15,000. You will notice that we will be regularly hosting various events in and around the pub to help us reach this figure, so get involved and help us achieve our mammoth task and have a little fun in the process.



**Burns Night**

Dave Ashbee was Master of Ceremonies at our Burns Night with his authentic toast to the haggis (with authentic Scottish accent thrown for good measure!).



**Staff Party**

Before I go any further. I just want to say thanks to Mr P for hosting a cracking staff party at his place. Tanks, guns, Landrovers, fire starting, and lots of snow and mud, ammmmmazzzzzinnng.

**Monday Evening Meals**

We get daily telephone calls enquiring as to whether we will be serving food in the evening. And as always we give a resounding no! Well, things are