

## Exam Results

A Level results came out on Thursday. We are pleased to announce that both Robbie (Parkinson) and Jordan (Lewis) attained their desired grades and were accepted into their chosen Universities. Robbie is off to Liverpool to do Civil Engineering, and Jordan to Swansea to do Sports Science. Well done guys.

## New Staff

Lorna is now with us; she arguably had the most 'interesting' first week! We had to let her know that The Spot doesn't generate that much gossip normally!!! Lorna's got on with the way we run things really quickly and she'll be missed when she returns to Uni, but don't worry, she'll be back at Christmas.



## Xmas Menu

The 2008 Christmas menu has now been finished and online. Booking forms are available for download and once completed can be handed in to the bar. Be sure to book your meal early as this sells out very fast. Bookings are being taken for the 1st - the 22nd December.

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 14th Sept	Tewkesbury Boat Trip
TBA Sept	"Back to School" Fancy Dress Dinner Evening
1st - 22nd Dec	Xmas Lunch bookings are being taken

Cheers!

Steve Herbert

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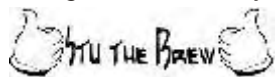
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# NEWS



## Old Spot Newsletter - August 2008

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## Welcome to August's Newsletter Our Ric . . .

I wish I could start this news letter with comforting phrases such as 'back to normal' or 'moving on' but it just isn't true. Ric's passing has left a monumental hole in our hearts. A hole that I truly believe will never be filled. What ever else has been said he was a shining example of a human being who knew what it was to live.

Steve

The day went as well as can be expected. Ric's funeral was the send off he deserved. After a beautiful service conducted by the Reverend Janet Bromley, during which there were heartfelt tributes from Jackie Sainty and Nigel Cant, and a poem by Rod Thomas, we went outside to see the hearse - two elegant black horses complete with plumes and silverware were drawing an etched glass carriage. It would have brought a lump to the throat of the hardest of passers by. The brass plaque on the foot of the coffin engraved with Ric's famous cry of *MORE BEER!* was a stroke of genius. It encouraged many a smile through tear-filled eyes.



Returning to the Old Spot, within minutes the whole pub was heaving with family and friends . . . and we managed to get through 432 pints in just a couple of hours - I'm not sure quite what that says about us! However, I'm sure Ric would have been proud!



For those of you who were unable to attend Ric's funeral, or would simply like to relive the day, there is now a tribute site containing 215 photos from the day, the entire service including all the tributes, the condolence book, Ellie's montage, newspaper articles and more. This can be visited from the menu on our site or by going straight to: [ricsainty.oldspotinn.co.uk](http://ricsainty.oldspotinn.co.uk).

## Great British Beer Festival

Big thank you to Roger Protz for the kind words he said about Ric at the Great British Beer Festival. It turned into an amazing day with many a gallon of beer being supped, ending with a group of lost soles walking around the capital the following day 'nay feeling too good'!

## Summer Beer Festival

Our summer beer festival exceeded all our expectations and proceeded to be the busiest and the best yet, with hundreds of people coming through the doors over the weekend. Regardless of the weather, you showed your true British spirit and just got on with it.



Sunday was my favourite day. It stayed dry apart from a downpour which sent all and sundry running for shelter only to return seconds later with faces of absolute disbelief when the sun came out again. Sol supplied us with some fantastic knee tapping tunes followed by Wilcox and Brooks with their own material and some well known covers.



## Frocester Beer Festival

A resounding success. Many people have been saying it was one of the best yet. It was great to see the sea of orange T-shirts - it made you feel at home, as if we needed any help!

It stayed dry most of the weekend with the exception of a downpour on the Saturday night. However it didn't detract from the enjoyment, but it did make the marquee a little busy! Respect to Duffer for his display of 'belly-boxing' - it created quite an attraction during the storm!



## T-shirts

Frocester T-shirts - the 'must have' item of clothing to the ultimate gathering of the year! We are proud to say that we sold 137 shirts this year, the profits of which all go to Reverend Janet's Church Fund. Thank you to everyone who bought one.

## Last Year's T-shirts

We have been asked by several people for the blue 2007 'James Bond' T-shirts. We are going to try and get these reprinted to order on-batch. If you'd like one, please supply us ASAP with your name, address, contact number, sex, size and quantity of each T-shirt required. If we obtain a reasonable amount, we will submit the order.



## Chillout

Traditionally one on our favourite days of the year.



The weather held off and both the pub and the garden were packed. This year's music was supplied by The Whole Grand Scheme (including karaoke with Nancy, and an amazing blues jam session in the break), then The Macaroni Penguins and rounded off with Leon Daye. The BBQ by Tom was just what the doctor ordered after three days on the beer! Thanks to all involved who helped to make this such a special day.

## Boat Trip. Sun 14th Sept. - Tickets: £25 from the Bar

The boat trip theme has been decided, we're going for 'Psychedelic Sixties on the Summer Boat of Love'. Tickets sell fast so get them now. This may be the last one for a while as the company is selling the boat. The itinerary is below:

- 12pm. Meet at the pub
- 1pm. Arrive in Tewkesbury at . . . with an hour to explore the town
- 2pm. Board boat and travel up the Severn and Avon, stopping at various pubs! Bright beer and Music with Leon Daye
- 4pm. Tea consisting of a ploughman type meal and more beer!
- 6pm. Back into Tewkesbury then straight home! Previously we have stopped
- 8pm. Back to the Spot for a little fodder and one last night cap!



Further details are available from last month's newsletter or on our website.