

What's On at the Spot

Forthcoming Events - A Résumé

Coming Up ...

Cricket

Old Gits vs. Young Pups	Sun 20th June
Staff vs. Customers	Sun 11th July
Old Spot vs. Top Crown	Sun 1st August

Beer Festivals

Stichcombe (Stragglers)	Sat 12th June
Slimbridge (WWT)	Sat 19th June
Cotswold (Postlip)	23rd-25th July
GBBF (Earls Court)	3rd-7th August
Old Spot	13th-16th August
Frocester	27th-28th August

Pub Stuff

Quiz Night

--- JUNE ---

Sun 20th June – raising funds for the DTF

--- JULY ---

Rev. Skye behind the bar
Kayak Trip down the Wye
Celebrity Chef Night

9th-10th July
10th-12th July (**NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE**)
Tue 27th July - Wendy Stevens' Italian night
raising money for Romanian orphans.

Cheers!

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NEWS



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Welcome!

Hi guys and welcome to our June/July issue. This is the season I affectionately describe as 'festival time'; there's nothing like a little (some years very little!) sunshine to put a smile on people's faces.

Tom Sainty

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Tom Sainty. Tom's now off to work for Bath Ales and we wish him



lots of luck in his new career. We would also like to thank him for the many years of fine service he has given the Old Spot, and you'll still be able to catch him most nights in the pub – just on our side of the bar now!

New Staff

There's a new girl on block ... we would like to take a moment to welcome Natalie Bilney into the fold. You may not see a lot of her as she will be taking up Tom's position in the kitchen, but I'm sure we will coax her out onto the bar a couple of times. Good luck Nat, enjoy!

NEWS FLASH

"BRIGID'S BELLY BUTTON IS NOW AN OUTIE" (yuk!)

Spot Sport

Paintball

Down to the news ... by far the biggest story of the year so far is how once again the 'Old Gits' thrashed, annihilated and whipped the 'Young Pups' at paintball. With just under 50 of us heading down to Bristol for the another year of mayhem, this is fast becoming a firm annual fixture. For those of you on the losing side, never mind kids - maybe next year ... but you young 'uns have to realise, there's no substituting age, wisdom or experience!



The awards are as follows:

Best Shot

went to *Nathan Barnett* (for shooting me! hmmmmm)

The Andy Unwin Award

went to *Andy Unwin* (surprise!)

The Grant Securia Medal of Honour

went to *Dave Prodger*

Best Wound

went to *Jamie Moiré* (for looking like he had measles), and the

Bravery Award

went to *Stuart Reeves*

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Old Spot Harriers - Mini Marathon

Well done Berkeley 10k-ers! For all those that took part in the race and especially those of us that were also paintballing the day before, a big pat on the back!

Tennis

The first annual *Old Spot Mixed Doubles Tournament* took place on Saturday 5th of June with Angela and Phil Morris taking the most coveted title. Well done guys! Second place



went to Steve Lane and Sue Woodward; again, well done.

Cricket & Charity Quizes

The Old Gits versus the Young Pups cricket match takes place on the 20th of June, up at the Stragglers ground, Stinchcombe. Teams have been drawn and there has been some rigorous training taking place (or at least plenty of talk about training taking place, but vigorous never-the-less!). So please come and show your support - there is a bar and the batting starts about 4pm. There will also be a fundraising quiz back the pub that night kicking off about 7.30. We will be trying to raise some much needed funds for Dursley Town Festival.

Congratulations to Viv Jones and her team for a cracking quiz night at the beginning of May. She managed to raise £220 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

At the end of May, Jude Dacey held a charity quiz and raised £149 for Third World Development. Well done Jude.

Gourmet Night

We had another great Gourmet Night last month. 6 courses, 6 different wines and a great many contented diners! The next one will be in October so keep an eye on the boards and newsletter for further details.



Celebrity Chef

Celebrity Chef Rev. Janet Bromley had her stint in the kitchen on the 25th of May. 45 lucky soles were treated to fishes and loaves (fish pie and garlic bread!), followed by 'Heavenly' Chocolate Cake (Choc Roulade). A cracking night was had by all, and a whopping £385 was handed over at the end of the night for St James' Church Roof Fund.



Cheryl Downton tried her hand on the 8th June, with her take on a London night (being a cockney herself). Punters dined on pie, liquor, jellied eels and mash (the pies were sent by courier from the 'Smoke' itself), followed by a selection of fruit pies. All profits went to Breast Cancer Research. On a side note, I think Cheryl was also trying break a world record on how many people she could get working in the kitchen at any one time!

The next one will be on the Tue 27th July and your host will be Wendy Stevens. She will be cooking an Italian feast and raising money for the Romanian orphans.

Reverend Pulls Again!



Our local curate, Rev. Skye will be pulling pints behind the bar once again this July raising funds for St James Church. Moles brewery will be donating the beer this year with "Holy Moley"!

Fundraising

I've got to say that it's been an amazing month for fundraising, with people from all walks of life giving up their spare time to help better someone else's life - often a complete stranger. It proves without doubt what an amazing community spirit Dursley really has.



Uley Brewery at 25

This year, Uley Brewery celebrates its quarter century. Chas and his team played mien host at the Old Spot on the 6th June. Drunken Brewers on Tour supplied the music, with Stu & Ken producing a celebratory brew called Gilt Edge. Well done guys - a brilliant day. That Sunday marked the beginning of 'Uley Week' at the Spot with their five regular ales plus the special - all available to tickle your taste buds!



Shhhhh!

Could I take a moment to remind customers to leave quietly when going home. We have great neighbours that really support what the Old Spot is about, so in return please just remember some people actually go to bed before midnight!



More Business ...

Sorry ... but due to a stupidly large increase in credit card charges, we will have to put a 50p charge on all transactions under £10 - this is unavoidable, I'm afraid.



Cotswold Life Pub of the Year



I am happy to announce that the Old Spot is in the final of Cotswold Life Pub of the Year, what's ace about this award is that it's voted for by Cotswold Life readers and more importantly our customers ... thank you so much.

Kayak Trip

Due to a clash of dates, the annual Kayak Trip down the Wye has been moved to the 12-13 July. For those of you who will be partaking, a £10 deposit is due in asap. More details will be posted in a couple of weeks or just see Steve.

