

## What's On at the Spot

### Forthcoming Events - A Résumé

--- MAY ---			
SUN 2nd	- Charity Quiz Night courtesy of Viv Jones (raising money for Guide Dogs)	8.00 PM	---
TUE 4th	- Meet the Brewer: Wadworths	7.30 PM	£5.00
SUN 9th	- Paintball - Young Pups versus the Old Gits	9.00 AM	£25.00
TUE 11th	- Celebrity Chef with Rev. Janet Bromley (all proceeds to St James' Church)	7.30 PM	£7.50
SUN 30th	- Charity Quiz Night courtesy of Jude Dacey	8.00 PM	---
--- JUNE ---			
TUE 8th	- Celebrity Chef Night - "A London Supper" (all proceeds to Cancer Research)	7.30 PM	£7.50
SAT 12th	- Stinchcombe Beer Festival (Check with Dursley Rugby Club)		
SAT 19th	- Slimbridge Beer Festival	6.00 PM	£7.00
--- JULY ---			
5th-6th	- Kayaking down the River Wye	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

Please look out for date of the new Gourmet Night.

Cheers!  
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## NEWS



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### Skirmish!

War is on the horizon at the Old Spot this month with just under 50 of you daring souls going paintballing on the 9th May. The teams have been drawn out and posted at the bar. We will be meeting at the Spot at 9am and as in the past, there will be car sharing to the site. Expect to be back home at the Spot about 5ish with the award ceremonies at the pub kicking off about 7pm.



### Old Spot Harriers

Now, in the past I have many times voiced my opinions on those stupid buggers that spend their spare time running! Well it seems they're not that stupid - it is quite good fun ... when you're over the chaffing, blood blisters and not forgetting 'jogger's nipple' (Ouch, I tell you!). Anyway on to the point, a small select few of us have entered the Bristol Half Marathon. If you're planning to run it yourself, or just thinking about it, and would like the moral support of your local pub's clientele, have a chat with Steve behind the bar.

If you'd like to, you can post your times on our website and join up with fellow runners. We hope to tabulate your times over the coming runs so you can all see your progress! Have a word with 'Stu the Brew', and he'll get this organised for you.

### New Staff

The new lad behind the bar is David Hamilton (no, he's not the DJ) - you may recognise him from his various performances with the Dods. David will be with us through the summer and hopefully back at Christmas for university holidays.



### Fletch gets his Bus Pass

Congratulations to John Fletcher on getting to his 60th birthday - somewhat inebriated, but he got there! A superb party at the Old Spot saw an awful lot of us celebrating with him, followed by a rather more sedate gathering at his house on Sunday. The pub salutes you, sir.



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**Brigid tries for a Pigeon Pair**  
Congratulations to our very own Brigid who's now pregnant with her second child. Well done Jamie (husband) for his performance too!

### Quizzing

Donna and her merry men broke all records at the pub with her bank holiday Quiz Night. Over 30 teams played all over the Spot, with 4 quiz masters helping the proceedings. £142 was raised for Cam Scouts. Very well done, Donna.



The next quiz is on the May 2nd and this one is being organised by Viv Jones. All proceeds are going to Guide Dogs for the Blind, and again we are expecting a busy night (her Facebook group is huge), so get here early to guarantee yourself a table.



### Celebrity Chef with Rev. J.

Reverend Janet Bromley's stint as Celebrity Chef is actually taking place on the 25th May and not the 11th as previously advertised. Janet has said the evening will take on an evangelical theme with little fishes and breads being the order of the day!! Though some of our punters are keen to see the old water and wine trick, Janet just says they'll have to wait and see! All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the St James Church.



And our very own Dean Boston raised £70 for St James Church when he did

the last Celebrity Chef night. Well done, mate.



### Gourmet Night

I am pleased to report on the tremendous success of the our first Gourmet Night, so we have decided to have another one on the 18th May. I have done a little tweaking and so we will be looking at 6 courses with wine for £35. Sorry at this point there is no more details on what the menu will consist of, but it will be available on the website when I get around to deciding what it'll be!



### Meet the Brewer - Wadworths

There is still a few spaces on the Wadworths 'Meet the Brewer' which is scheduled for May 4th. It's only £5 which includes tasting and supper.



### Body Boarding & Brewery Visit

Yep, you got it! Once again, we are trying to step outside the box and just bring you something completely different. On the 14th of June, we are heading to Woolacombe for a spot of beach thuggary, and then onto Wizard Ales Brewery for a little sampling of their fine brews. We are going to camp over on a nearby farm (with toilets), owned by a fellow CAMRA card carrying member. Hire of board and wetsuit, the brewery visit, and camping all works out to about £25. Details are still a little sketchy right now, but as I get them I will share with y'all.

The most important thing is we have only 25 places, so if you're interested in coming with us, please get your names down behind the bar ASAP. As for getting there, we will either car share or our friendly local mini bus (Jenkins Taxis) has expressed an interest in coming himself – well done AJ. Watch this space.

### 'Elections' Beer Festival

Your votes for our beer festival have been processed and the beer festival menus are now scattered about the bar. For those of you who are keen to see how they were placed please see below:

- 1st Old Ric
- 2nd Doombar
- 3rd HopHead
- 4th Schiehallion
- 5th Pigs Ear
- 6th Session
- 7th Dorothy Goodbody Golden Ale
- 8th Old Spot
- 9th Exmoor Gold
- 10th Gem



We counted over 400 votes with over 140 beers being voted for (including Tia Maria and Coke ... some people!). Further details are available on the website.

### And More Elections -

Anyone still enjoying the canvassing, campaigning and debates?

Our local green party candidate, Martin Whiteside was in the pub over the bank holiday weekend, fielding you questions on a whole range of subjects! On a sombre note, remember to vote – it's your right to vote for who ever want to, so just make sure you use that right! The voting date is Thursday, May the 6th.

### It's Your Round ...

There's a new website on the market called "Your Round". It enables its users to get up-to-date details of where their favourite beers are, and in what pubs. It's early days, but this new idea shows a lot of promise.



The website is:

[www.yourround.co.uk](http://www.yourround.co.uk)

and to get the Old Spot's page, go to:

<http://www.yourround.co.uk/ViewPubInventory.aspx?id=mkBnyp7AOKk%3d>

And as you probably already know, our beers are displayed on the beer board of our Old Spot website, with an archive history of all beers we have had in the pub going back to 2007!

### Jim Murphy – Scottish Jim

It is with deep sorrow that we mark the passing of Jim Murphy. Jim, a regular of the Old Spot since its inception, was a well respected member of the community, and for over twenty years he taught many of our children Karate at the Community Centre in Dursley. He will be sadly missed – our thoughts are with his family and many friends at this sad time.

