

Christmas Opening Times, 2007

Christmas Eve - CLOSED BETWEEN 3pm and 6pm
Christmas Eve Evening - DOORS CLOSED AT 10PM - No Exceptions
New Year's Eve - DOORS CLOSED AT 10PM - No Exceptions

Xmas Eve (Mon, 24th)	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm (no food) 6.00 pm - late
Christmas Day (Thur 25th)	12.00 pm - 2.00 pm (no food)
Boxing Day (Wed 26th)	12.00 pm - 12.00 am (no food)
27th - 30th December	12.00 pm - 12.00 am
New Year's Eve (Mon 31st)	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm (no food) 6.00 pm - late
New Year's Day (Tue 1st)	12.00 pm - 11.00 pm (no food)
Then as normal	see below:

Our NEW YEAR (2008) Food Service Times . . .

Fri, Sat, Sun:	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur:	12.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Our normal Opening Hours remain as ...

Monday - Saturday:	11.00 am - 11.00 pm
Sunday:	12.00 pm - 11.00 pm

Forthcoming Events

:: Wed 14th Nov -	Leon Daye
:: Thur 15th Nov -	Meet the Brewer - Adnams
:: Thur 29th Nov -	Butcombe Brewery Tour (tbc)
:: Sun 23rd Dec -	Old Gits Christmas Lunch

The Old Gits Xmas Party

The 'must be seen at' event of the year, otherwise known as "The Old Gits Christmas Party" is approaching fast and is set for the Sunday, 23rd Dec. It is the perfect opportunity to make new friends, get acquainted again with old ones, or just sit there, get drunk and fall asleep in your Xmas pudding. If any of the above appeals to you, put your name down behind the bar with your pre-order and a £5 deposit. Remember, Old Gits are for life and not just Xmas!



Cheers!
Steve Herbert

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Introduction

Well who believe that October's weather would be better than July's - it really makes you reassess what the seasons mean in this country. Its been a very strange year for our weather, we wait to see what the winter will bring!

Brewery Trip to Uley

Another thank you to Uley Brewery for hosting us at their Brewery on the 11th of last month. It was attended by about 25 people and a VERY good trip was had by all. As always great beer, wonderful company and a big old thick head in the morning . . . Stop! Call the drink police, we may have binged! Heavens in megatroid, what ever next!



Carbon Neutral Beerfest

On the subject of local breweries, I was made up by the quality of the brews we had on the bar for our carbon neutral beer festival. The Olde English Rose sold out within hours, with Budding and Artist's Ale getting great praise, so big pat on the back to our local brewers.

If you remember, the whole purpose of this event was to analyse our Carbon Footprint and see how we (the pub), local breweries, and you as individuals can help reduce the damage we are doing to the atmosphere. Our findings so far are on the website and will be published in the next newsletter . . .



Old Spot Fund Raising

£820 Raised for the MacMillan Trust, the RDA and Poppy Appeal

We were also fortunate to get Uley Brewery to brew us another Reverend Janet - it was divine! Ken, you are a God of ale amongst us mere mortal quaffers. As always Chas was on hand to donate some beer for our fundraising over the weekend. (On a personal note I really appreciate your continual support with what ever we do at the pub but please, enough of the bloody orange juice!!!) With the all monies now in, we managed to raise £575 for the Macmillan nurses, £185 for Riding for the Disabled, with a further £60 going into the Poppy Appeal. (Please see September's Newsletter for further information)



Old Spot Award Presentation

I hope you were able to attend our CAMRA South West Pub of the Year presentation, it was a great day. Although I fear none of you were able to see the official presentation, you were all able to catch our illustrious local chairman do the PROPER JOB ... Chris Arrowsmith, we salute you! Thanks to Ken and Jody for keeping the troops entertained by supplying the tunes - and weather - therefore letting us hold it outside (26th Oct, felt like 26th July, but drier!)

Smoking Ban

Another month into England's smoking ban and we're still open. Yes, all the doom mongering and panicking seems to have been a little over exaggerated. It's really great seeing lots of new customers coming into the pub for the first time and regular customers using it more often, with over 90% of our clientele saying that the whole pub experience is so much more enjoyable. Of course there are those of you that have to face the freezing temperatures and

my heart goes out to you ,so if you have any ideas that may make the torturous journey into the freezing night air a little easier (that is within the law) please mention to myself or the bar team and we will see what we can do. But in the mean time I have sourced some gel hand warmers which will be behind the bar for a small deposit.



Returning Staff

We would like to welcome Tom Parkinson back into fold. With both Parkinson brothers behind the bar now, we can sit back and wait for the sibling rivalry to start raising its ugly head . . . by the way Bob, any more kids I can have, what with Xmas coming 'an all, it's a busy time!!!



Building Works Saga - Inconveniences?

A spot of bad news . . . unfortunately, the new loos wont be ready for our festive season. Please don't ask me why, but needless to say, join up the following words and make a sentence! Planners, asses and kicked. But this leaves us an opportunity for a new loo launch in jollyless January (wow, all sorts of images are being conjured that I don't care to print). So you've got to make sure you attend that one!

... And a Merry Christmas to All ...

Unfortunately, your favourite bar tabloid (this newsletter) may not be available through December because its "DECEMBER", and things strangely enough are a little busy! So all that remains for me to say is Merry Xmas and Happy New Year form me, Belinda, the team, Jack - pub dog of the year, and Cleo - bitch cat from hell.

LATE NEWSFLASH:

Message left on Old Spot Forum

Hi All, Mike and Boo will be in the Spot on Sunday 2nd December, see you there?! www.mikeboo.co.uk

Christmas Food Times

Sorry, no normal evening meals will be available from the November 30th through to January 21st, just those who pre-booked Xmas meals.