



Blog Not Blog

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Re-opening Indoors

Hi,

Thank you to everyone that has supported us during the lockdowns and with our outdoor only opening – the weather was a little interesting at times!

Finally, we are pleased to be able to welcome you back for indoor seating from Wednesday (when we first open). As before, I thought sending out this Blog Not Blog would highlight a few changes that are taking place. Please note that things may change at short notice so please keep an eye on our website and social media platforms, or give us a call or email if you are unsure on anything.

Covid Guidelines

New Covid Guidelines for a safe visit are available from our website – these are all in place due to Government legislation and guidance (many beyond our control); not many changes from the previous guidelines but a couple of small, important changes.

Opening times

We are planning to open at the following times (lunchtime 12-2pm, evening from 6pm). Food from the kitchen will be available 12.30-2pm and 6.30-8pm (eat in and takeaway), with Lite Bites available for eat in or takeaway alongside bar opening times (subject to availability):

Monday and Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday – Lunchtime

Thursday – Lunchtime

Friday – Lunchtime and Evening

Saturday – Lunchtime and Evening

Sunday – from lunchtime.

At the moment these are constantly under review, especially Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, depending on how many visitors we have.

The times are also being kept flexible, again depending on how many visitors we have....If you are planning to come after 8pm it is advisable to check we are still open (there are a few evenings when unfortunately we have shut due to no visitors!). Also, on a Sunday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm – just call to check one of us is still around.

Bookings

It is advisable to book your table, especially indoor tables. The “bar” table will be unavailable for booking so that it becomes the equivalent of the bar, as before. It would be great if you could remember the current “grouping” guidelines and mingling – indoors currently Rule of 6 or 2 households, outdoors up to 30 people.

Sunday Roasts

This is the first of the “major” changes – if you are interested in a Sunday Roast your table will need to be booked no later than 8pm on the Saturday. In the past we have had a number of waste issues due to cooking a lot of roasts and no visitors, and conversely we have been unable to serve roasts because we haven’t had enough – sometimes you just can’t win with the guesswork! If visitors do turn up ‘on spec’ we cannot guarantee roasts will be available, but a limited menu of alternatives will be available.

Takeaways

Takeaways will continue to be available from our lunchtime and evening menus when we are open (not just reserved for Fridays) – these have been proving very popular, with people ordering in advance, or ordering and having a drink whilst waiting.

Lite Bites Friday

The cakes and pasties, etc. are continuing to be popular. The cakes are from Sally’s Pantry in Knighton, with pasties, pork pies, scotch eggs and sausage rolls from Quarry Farm.

Book Exchange

There are books filling the shelves, but we are always looking for more to alternate the stock. We look forward to people using this new facility, which should be easier now that people can remain indoors.

Emporium

The Emporium is open with new stock regularly arriving. Generally it is open Wednesday – Sunday 11.30am to 4pm (call to check before making a special trip), but can be open at other times by arrangement. It isn’t manned all the time and if you want to look inside then give the Pub (or my mobile) a call as one of us is normally around to open it up for you at the times above. Most items are available for viewing on the website. Remember, most of the stock comes from local crafts people making unique and different gifts, or treats for yourself.

Right, well I think that is all of it for now, but I’m sure I’ve forgotten something!

Keep safe and well, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Allie