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10th April 2021

Hi,

So, with this great Spring-like weather we have been having it has given me plenty of opportunity to thoroughly read and absorb all the small print regarding the re-opening of the Pub and the Emporium from 12 April 2021 (although legislation has not been published yet, so working on the guidance only this is subject to change).

We have been working hard on getting ready for re-opening and will be open from Wednesday 14th April. Covid Guidelines for the Pub will be published on the website and printed out and put on the walls in significant places around the premises. However, I thought it would be great to just offer detailed points to allow us to welcome you back.

Please bear in mind that everyone is getting used to a new system (which may need to be tweaked), new regulations (that are likely to change) and it is just Jed and myself.

Also, especially in the first couple of weeks, we may be limited on stock that we hold.

We already know that we will only be stocking Hobson's Town Crier and possibly Bewdley's Baldwin IPA in cask ales to start with – other ales will be available as bottles, including Wye Valley's Butty Bach and Hopfather and Hobson's Old Prickly and Twisted Spire.

1985, Oldfields, Fandango and possible Stout will also be available from the pumps. Keep an eye out for special offers on bottles – ideal for takeouts! Most of our regular spirits and soft drinks will be available.

Unfortunately, due to changes over the last year, our supplier's have changed their prices (not in a downward direction) and this will mean there will be slight price increases across the board.

So, to the important bits:

Opening times

We will be closed on a Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday and Thursday we will be open lunchtimes only.

Friday and Saturday we will be open lunchtime and evenings.

Sunday we will be open from lunchtime through the afternoon and into the evening.

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- We are not taking bookings for any of the tables – we will operate a first come first served policy.
- We can only allow you to use the outdoor areas – there will be absolutely no seating inside, even if the weather is wet and/or cold – please bear this in mind when thinking what to wear and what to bring (coats, blankets, etc.). You can walk through the Pub to access the outside areas, use the toilets and exit. 1 person at a time may also come into the pub to make payment if the machine won't reach you in the garden. There are to be no groups crowding around any door areas, the bar or the toilets.
- Please follow the one way system that we have put in place – in through the front door and out through the side door (by the toilets), although when using the toilets you don't have to go back to the front door to access the garden, but please bear in mind that this is pinch point and people should be given space to exit.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times when not sat to eat or drink (unless exempt).
- Please check with either Jed or myself that there is room for you in the outside areas before progressing through the Pub and confirm that you have complied with Test and Trace requirements (see below).
- Every individual coming in to sit to eat and/or drink aged 16 or over must provide their contact details, to be held for 21 days, for the purposes of Test and Trace (those just collecting takeaways are excluded from this requirement). QR codes will be placed at the entrance and at the bar for this purpose. If the App, for whatever reason, is not available to be used we will have paper forms that can be completed. Please remember to keep your distance if there are a number of people 'checking in' at one time. We cannot accept written forms with details of 2 or more people (i.e. a married couple must each complete a separate 'check in'/form). We have been told that those refusing to provide details legally must be refused entrance.
- Please remember the legal group limits. Currently this is either up to 6 individuals (who can be from different households) or 2 households/support bubbles. Once in a 'grouping' you are not allowed to 'mingle' with another 'group'.
- All our tables and chairs have been placed to comply with social distancing measures and maximise capacity, please don't move these around to make different grouping numbers, etc.
- Table service only – this means that all orders must be placed from your table not at the bar and you will be served your drinks and meals at the table with condiments and cutlery being brought to you. Menus will be available for food, again brought to the table for your perusal, then collected and cleaned. Drinks will also be brought to you and empty glasses/bottles will be collected. Please bear with us as it will just be the two of us greeting and serving in the initial period.
- Payment should ideally be made via card.
- Sanitiser will be available at the end of the bar.
- We will continue with our takeaways, but extend them to each service we are open – please note we are operating slightly different menus at lunchtime and in the evenings. You won't have to order by 12noon on the day, but you can still pre-order and arrange a collection time if you wish to.

Emporium

- The Emporium will be open at the same time as the Pub, or by arrangement at other times. We will put a notice in the window with contact details if you turn up and we don't happen to be in the shop, we are normally around somewhere.

- Face coverings are to be worn by anybody entering the shop (unless exempt).
- Being a small space we will be limited on numbers at any one time. Social distancing needs to be maintained.
- Sanitiser will be available at the entrance/exit.
- Please be thoughtful in the items that you pick up to look at. Whilst we love you looking at potential purchases we have to be careful re surface transmissions.
- Purchases should be made via card wherever possible (we operate a separate payment system from the Pub for the Emporium).
- We will still be offering our telephone/message and collect service, as well as our postal service (some items cannot be posted due to size and weight).

Right, I'm sure there's something I've missed but this is quite long enough as it stands. Keep an eye on our website, social media platforms and your emails (if you are registered with us – if not just drop us a line at hi@themonklandarms.co.uk to be added to the mailing list) for updates.

We look forward to seeing you all from 14th April 2021 – please spread the word.

In the meantime, keep safe and keep well.

Allie