



Hello, and welcome to The Duke's newsletter. I'm Eric, and my partner is Helen. We took over The Duke of Cumberland on the 12th July this year and have made significant changes since moving in. If you haven't had a chance to call in yet please drop by for a drink or a bite to eat when you're next passing. We haven't got everything exactly as we would like it but then Rome wasn't built in a day.

We thought we'd produce a newsletter so that we can keep you informed about up and coming events. On this sheet you'll find not only our Christmas menu but also a diary of events. We'll try to get these letters out to you about once every two months if we possibly can. We also have a new web site which can be found at [www.dukeofcumberland.co.uk](http://www.dukeofcumberland.co.uk) and we will endeavour to keep it updated. One of our goals at The Duke is to make it part of the hub of the village community. Your suggestions are always welcome.

We're still in the process of getting our bed & breakfast rooms renovated. One is complete, and the other two are in good condition as well, but we want to make them that little bit more special. Hopefully it should be done by the end of October. Once complete we'll post photos of the interiors on the web site together with our tariff. A double room with full English breakfast will start at about £55 per night.

Our Christmas menu is reproduced opposite but if you pop by you can pick up a colour printed menu card. We're taking bookings for families or larger parties now and Christmas being Christmas we're filling up fast. Our first large group are having a Christmas party early November. There's so much happening, so little time to write about it all! Pop in and see us and see the changes for yourself.

## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 31st October:

Family Halloween from 5 - 7pm. Come for tricks or treats.

### Friday 2nd November:

Halloween Party with entertainment by 'The Very Big Penguin Band'. Free shot of 'blood' for those in fancy dress. Halloween Food available.

### Sunday 4th November:

KD's Jazz Band and Curry Night. A regular event; first Sunday of every month. Very popular. Please book for a table.

### Sunday 11th November:

Maggie's Engine. We've seen this duo perform at The Old Neptune in Whitstable several times; we just had to book them! Classic Pop Covers from the 60s to 90s. Food Americana on offer too.

### Tuesday 13th November:

Quiz Night, with a difference. £6 per head, to include food. Get a table together now!

### Monday 19th November:

Blues Abuse; back again. If you haven't heard these guys perform then you're missing a real treat. Mexican food too, (almost as hot!). Please book for a table.

### Saturday 24th November:

The Culprits. Classic Pop Covers and Food Italiana. Book now!

## Christmas Menu

### Starters

*Paté & Toast with Lemon*

*Carrot & Coriander Soup*

*Deep Fried Brie with Cranberry Sauce*

### Main Course

*Roast Turkey with all the Christmas Traditional Trimmings (vegetarian alternative available)*

*Roast Ham served with Honey & Mustard Sauce and Christmas Trimmings*

### Deserts

*Christmas Pudding with Brandy Butter, Cream or Custard*

*Chocolate Log*

*Pear poached in Mulled Wine served with Creme Fraiche*

### And to Finish

*Mince Pie, Cream and Coffee*

Single main course £12.95

Two courses £15.95

Three courses £19.95

Mince Pie & Coffee included



## BROADBAND AT THE DUKE

That's right! You can get broadband in Barham down a cable. We know because we have it here in the Duke. And it's available to our customers via a WiFi connection

## SHINE

The Duke of Cumberland is owned by Punch Taverns, who have over 7000 pubs in England alone, so we are delighted to hear that we have been nominated for a 'Shine' award. These are annual awards presented to establishments who have excelled in a particular field. Our local area manager has put us forward for a 'community local' award. We'll have to wait and see if we actually win it.

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