

BEST NEWCOMERS 2008



We're delighted to be able to report that we've just been named as 'The Best Newcomers 2008' for the South East of England. In September we're off to the Hilton, Park Lane to receive our award and stand the chance of winning either the best newcomer national award or 'Best Pub - SE England'!

It might seem a little arrogant to be patting ourselves on the back over awards like this but it has almost become an essential requirement for pubs to go for competitions like this to raise their profile and to encourage yet more new customers to visit us. Sitting back and expecting people to beat a path to your door simply doesn't happen any more. There's never been a more difficult time for pubs and many will close this year, so wish us luck in September!

Face Lift



Well the old place has never looked better. We've painted the whole building, put new signage up, (check out the humour), and the hanging baskets and window boxes are in full bloom. The garden is looking smart and the renovation work on the barn is all but complete. We've done some work indoors too but there is yet more to do. But Rome wasn't built in a day so we'll bide our time and ensure we get it right. We're sure you'll appreciate the changes we've made, especially outside. If only we could have something loosely similar to a Summer!

Kitchen Stronger

Such is the growth of our trade that we decided it was high time we appointed a full time chef. So we now have a new member of the team joining us who has over twenty years of experience in the business and keen to continue our tradition of serving freshly prepared food from locally sourced produce and at keenly competitive prices. We're retaining some of our most popular dishes but Kenneth will be introducing some new and exciting recipes to whet your appetite.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 28th August: "As you like it" - Steak and Fish & Chips Night. Sirloin, Rump, Fillet, T Bone, Rib Eye and more, cooked the way you like with a sauce of your choice.

Tuesday 2nd September: Duke's Quiz Night. £6 per head including supper.

Friday 5th September: Live music from "Rags 2 Riches", hopefully in the garden, weather permitting.

Wednesday 24th September: Live music from "The Fat River Band", (see report opposite).

Saturday 27th September: Live music from "The Fling". Truly awesome.

Book your tables now!



BEERFEST BONANZA

Despite abysmal weather for the most part the Barham Beerfest was hugely successful. We had twenty real ales on sale and four ciders from all parts of the country. We also staged five bands, roasted a hog (thanks Wes), and are enormously grateful to regular customers Andrew and Caroline for a very popular barbecue. Indeed we are grateful to all the customers who dived in to help on the bar making this a truly community event. More pictures on the back of this sheet.

Fat River Band play The Barn



With the barn renovations almost complete we thought it would be nice to 'christen' it with a live band and who better than the excellent Fat River Band who performed country rock superbly on Saturday July 26th. The venue was very fitting and we hope to stage more performances here with customers being able to enjoy the music from the courtyard or garden behind. Look at the diary dates for the next performances.

