

24th February 2021

Hello lovely people!!!

A belated Happy New Year to all our friends and customers.

Well, what a year this has been. It is fast approaching the anniversary of that fateful day in March when Boris first told us to shut the doors for Lockdown 1.0. Now eleven months on and with signs of Spring all around, and the unveiling of the road map out of lockdown 3.0, dare we adopt an air of optimism?

We think so!

Since we closed the doors for take-aways just before Christmas we have kept ourselves out of mischief and have been using the time to improve the pub physically and visually, the new thatch looks spectacular and future proofs this historic building for the next 25 years. We have also spent many hours considering how we can make The Bertie Arms even better than it was before.

This time for pause and reflection is a rare opportunity and maybe the only slither of silver lining that this pandemic given to hospitality industry. We have had not only COVID to consider but also the implications of Brexit, sustainability, productivity and much needed profitability!

As such you may see a few changes about the place. We are going to streamline the menu, concentrating on local and seasonal produce. We will be using more sustainable ingredients and doing our best to reduce food miles and provide farm to fork eating wherever possible. We will be changing suppliers of food and drinks and will welcome your feedback and suggestions on the changes we make.

Obviously with CAUTION being the keyword in our route of lockdown we know we are not going to be travelling very quickly, and there are many detours to consider as we move towards life as we used to know it. We refuse to accept the 'new normal' or anymore 'unprecedented times' our destination is fun, laughter and togetherness, and we will do everything in our power to get us there!

In the meantime, at least until mid-April, we will be starting our takeaway service at the beginning of March. To start with the TAKEAWAY will only be available at WEEKENDS, but this offering will increase as demand dictates – USE IT OR LOSE IT!

TAKEAWAY OPENING HOURS

| DATE | | Lunch Service | Evening Service |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Friday 5th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Saturday 6th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Friday 12th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Saturday 13th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Sunday 14th March | <i>Mothering Sunday</i> | 12.30 – 3pm | CLOSED |
| Friday 19th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Saturday 20th March | <i>Katie's Birthday</i> | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Sunday 21st March | | Subject to demand | CLOSED |
| Friday 26th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Saturday 27th March | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Sunday 28th March | <i>British Summer Time</i> | Subject to demand | CLOSED |
| Friday 2nd April | Good Friday | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Saturday 3rd April | | 12.30 – 2pm | 5.30 – 8pm |
| Sunday 4th April | Easter Sunday | 12.30 – 3pm | Subject to demand |
| Monday 5th April | <i>Bank Holiday Monday</i> | Subject to demand | CLOSED |

The new takeaway menu will change on a weekly basis and will be posted at the beginning of the week on all social media platforms. (which can be accessed via the website)

Because the pub will not be open throughout the week, all messages will be picked up on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. Time slots can be booked in advance, via answer-phone messages, email and social media messaging, but please DO NOT leave your orders until you have been contacted by a member of staff.

We will be back in touch very soon to let you know what our plans are for re-opening outside on 12th April, let's all start our weather manifestations and sun-dances soon!

We want to thank you all so much for your unwavering support, you really are all amazing and we will never take our customers for granted again!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!!

See you very soon we hope.

Katie & James, and everyone at The Bertie