SAFETY FIRST THEN QUENCH YOUR THIRST

After 16 challenging, and for some, very painful weeks we are now happy to be opening our doors again this Saturday.

Much has been made by the press of what people should expect when they return to their favourite pubs. We are happy to report that the Government Guidelines, finally published after weeks of speculation, proved to be far less onerous than we had feared for a small pub such as ours.

So what will it be like? Well, all you need to know really is that we will be doing everything required to keep you and our staff safe, whilst ensuring that the pub is still a relaxing and enjoyable place to be.

You will not be confronted with lots of rules or be greeted by someone in a mask, neither will you find the pub covered in perspex screens and warning tape. You will be able to order at the bar, mobile ordering no good here anyway with our dodgy phone signal! Whilst it would be lovely to have a posh till with integrated ordering and payment via an app, like the big boys, there are quite a few of our regulars who would find this a right pain, if not an impossibility. Therefore, in order to satisfy the objective of minimising contact between staff and customers, we have put additional mitigations in place to ensure that we meet the requirements of the Government Guidelines and the Licensing Authorities.

 The most important thing you need to do is please, if you are experiencing any COVID 19 symptoms, stay at home, we will look forward to welcoming you back once you have recovered. Also please enter via the front door and exit through the back. Inevitably, there will be some instructions concerning hygiene and social distancing which you will need to follow, clear signage will advise what is required, then please just enjoy having your pub back again!

Please note that, due to the size of our galley kitchen, the reduced capacity of our inside space and the unreliability of the weather, we will not be serving food for a few weeks. We also will not be opening lunchtimes during the week, our revised hours will be on Facebook shortly. Our priority is to provide you with a safe space to socialise once again, whilst also giving us the opportunity to address any issues before our amazing team return to work. We will then undergo staff training, increase our opening hours and re introduce food once we are confident it is safe and viable to do so.

Finally, thank you so much for your messages, support and acts of such kindness and generosity over the last few months, time and again we have been deeply touched and we cannot wait to be at the centre of our amazing community once again.

Much love

Peter & Rachel