

Newsletter

August 2011

Welcome to our August 2011 Newsletter.

Dear TCMillers, Bridge goers and Finny fans,

It feels good to write to you all again and I can only hope it feels good reading it. I say it feels good because we have the sun on our backs. Well, I don't at the moment, I'm in an office, Turtley's office, sweating, with no air conditioning and a wasp that is either trying to ask me out on a date or mug me but either way I'm not up for it. You see what happens, I just type and this is what comes out. Please read on as I have some treats this month. Just remember how excited you were (or are) when you hear the sound of the ice cream van in your street. Well imagine that, and then discovering that on this particular day it's free ice creams with double flake!! Here's what's happening in all our places.....

Turtley Corn Mill

The chickens have landed. In truth they never took off, but they are now roaming free in the day with the ducks and loving every minute of it. We have three Japanese Bantams (one rooster and two hens), three silky pullet hens and two Light Sussex hens. The rooster is a very lucky boy! The only thing we do now ask is that if you are a dog owner and love bringing down Rover please keep them on the lead at all times in the garden. We had an incident today which the dog liked, we didn't and the chickens hated. So now the chickens are out you can also eat with them. Not literally as I've seen their food and it looks like bran flakes. But Turtley picnics are in operation – just email us for a menu. You know the drill. Ring up 24 hours before you arrive, order your picnic, arrive at Turtley, collect your picnic then roam free and eat it wherever you like in the grounds. We even supply a blanket. Men think about this equation, Romance = Brownie Points. I'll say no more.

Turtley (and The Bridge) are now stocking 'Nearly Naked' Wine. Now I must stress that this in no way guarantees nakedness on any level. Now chaps, I think you're putting together your own equation here, but that's your thoughts and not ours! But the wine itself is great. The Nearly Naked Veg. Co. (our sister company) has teamed up with Liam Stevenson from Red and White Wines Ltd (our wine merchant) and Lesley-Ann Brunning (self-confessed wine buff and consumer!) to import a delicious Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot from a great little vineyard in the south of France. Don't just take our word for it, just ask to try a bit next time you're in and take it from there.

The Bridge at Mount Batten

Now the Bridge always has something going on and this month the main event has to be The British Fireworks Championship. You could queue like all the other fools to get into town, stand on the Hoe and "ooh" and "aah", then queue to get out again. Or you could come for a delicious set meal with us, have a drink and then "ooh" and "aah" from our balcony and patio. I know which one I would prefer. The menu is available for your perusal on the Bridge Website. It will be bookings only with a deposit being taken. The nights WILL be full so get in there quick or join the queues!

And for those of you that like all things boaty The Fastnet Race will be concluding in Plymouth and there's lots to see outside The Bridge. It starts in Cowes on Sunday 14th August with the first finishers expected a couple of days after that. These guys are serious about sailing with some stunning boats on parade so if you're free it's well worth popping down.



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Finnygook Inn

This is the moment you have all been waiting for. The Gook Café is officially open and operational from Monday 1st August. We never thought it would be, and in thousands of years to come people will question its use when dug up in an excavation. It's positioned on the cliff top, a couple of hundred metres above Finnygook beach with sweeping views. It's great for just having a coffee, a burger, a snack or refreshment after a walk or maybe when you're on the beach for the day. Please do pop down to have a look and see what we've been up to as we think it has been worth the effort.

That's it, short but sweet. I'm going to leave you now. But I will leave you happy. Happy because of these two snippets. The first is a great story. Just click on the link below. One of the best I've heard in a while.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14275271>

And if you don't laugh at this next one you officially have no sense of humour. Just follow the points below and enjoy.

1. Open up Google maps on your PC, iPad or phone.
2. Go to 'directions'
3. Type in your start location as 'China' and your destination as 'Taiwan'.
4. A list of directions will appear. Go to point number 48 and just try to hold in the laughter.

See you soon.

Bruce and Lesley

Sam and Scott

Nick and Tim (More like a couple every day)

David, Rachel and Jess



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