

Newsletter

January 2012

Welcome to our January 2012 Newsletter.

Dear TCM members, Bridge patrons and Finny folk

May we wish you a Happy New Year from the off and all the best for the year to come. 2011 was great for us and we hope you enjoyed it too. Roll on 2012!

Now I don't know what the worse part of the post-Christmas period is? I've been racking my brains and the list is so big that I feel I can only touch the surface with my thoughts and the amount I want to fit into this Newsletter. Is it the Turkey? That oversized bird that you proudly put down on your dining table causing it to buckle? Your family were actually wondering if you had killed and cooked a Pterodactyl for them all to feast on. And when we have all had our fill on Christmas day, Boxing day comes along with its array of cold meats. Fine you think, and you take it on the chin, but come day 3 no-one is really laughing anymore. Turkey curry sounds like a horrific after thought and the Turkey carcass takes up 70% of the space in your fridge waiting for you to love it again! But you never do. Maybe the presents. How well does anyone actually know you? Not very it turns out as you thumb through your new book; 'Chinese Wrestling. A history'. And let's not forget packaging. Where would we be without packaging? I'm sure children's toys were once just placed inside a box and sealed with a single strand of sticky tape. Now they have clearly enrolled a government agency to try and keep you out. The tape is stronger than climbing rope, the box has more folds and flaps than you thought making you question your next move. Do you try and remain calm and open in a way that's logical or do you lose it in front of the kids on Christmas day and go for an all-out assault? And finally, just when you thought that was it, Pandoras Box had been opened, you have to remove the twisty plastic ties. The equivalent of the pipe cleaners rock hard cousin, it holds the toy there in one last vein attempt to thwart you. By now your child is losing patience and questioning your ability as a parent and you know there are at least another 6 toys boxed in the same way. Champagne for breakfast anyone?!

But it's over now so we come to that tree in the corner of the room, yes your real tree. The one that you're not allowed to walk near in case the draft caused by you movement makes it drop all its needles. Now it can have an honourable dispatch via the chipper. So we look forward to 2012 and more immediately January.....

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Thank you to all of our customers that visited us over the festive season and New Year. New Year was a sight to behold. A good sight. If aliens were to have landed and popped in for directions or to see our leader (Lesley would have made herself known as the main representative for the human race!) they would have left with images that they would never talk of again! But it was a great night full of 70's nostalgia and dodgy outfits. Christmas for us was very successful and we fed thousands of you. The only sad news during the month is that we lost 3 of our lovely chickens to a fox. A fox that is still at large so our remaining hens are now kept in the pen until the coast is clear. During the fox attack I actually chased it off as it returned for what it couldn't quite take in one go. And have you ever chased a fox? Don't bother. He knew full well I had the pace of a man in flippers and actually started to flank me to claim the rest of the chicken!

January is, as you can expect, a slower paced affair without any festive offerings in sight. We will be running the set lunch time menu again as well as our well established catch of the day board. We have recently started giving out vouchers to those that eat with us worth £5 off your next £25 food spend as a little post-Christmas present and these can be used here or at the Bridge. Finally, my favourite offer, if you arrive on Sunday you can have a roast beef or pork and then stay overnight with breakfast in the morning for £100 per couple. Throw in the log fire and the Sunday papers and surely this does sound a must?!

The Bridge

Our New Year's Eve had a lot to live up to after last year's shenanigans but my word, it didn't disappoint. We weren't sure if some of the outfits were appropriate but after a few Babychams and tactful light dimming, the more refined of us were none the wiser and another memorable night was had by all! Here at the Bridge we also drop down a gear so if you were holding back in December to avoid the crowds now is the time to visit with a more tranquil month ahead. We will be doing the Bridge set menu through the week (excluding Sundays) and the Catch of the Day board. We also have a couple of events coming up that may just interest you.

'The Bridge Quiz Night for the Simple and Smart with a Haddock' – I agree, it is a catchy title. This is more of an event in the making and we would like your feedback on it so we have nothing concrete for you. JUst an idea, a dream, where



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all great products start. The questions would be aimed to get you thinking but not so much that even Steven Hawking frowns in confusion. This would be first ever one here and we would expect it to be fiercely competitive. A bit like University challenge but with alcohol and less zits. (Less zits, sounds like a French ski resort to me!). The intended idea is that it's £8.50 per person which includes our famous Fish n' Chip supper with Devon Smokehouse 'Salt and Vinegar' Salt. Teams must consist of 4 members and team names cannot be offensive! So let us know what you think but do remember the losing team will be announced next month in my new feature of the Newsletter 'Dunces Corner'.

From intense competition to flower arranging – I bet you didn't think that was possible. This isn't a wind up either. We have teamed up with H.Watts florists to host a 'Masterclass in floristry'. The event will be hosted upstairs at the Bridge at a date to be confirmed with H.Watts but please do register your interest by leaving your contact details with us at The Bridge (We'll send out a separate email reminder with dates as soon as we know). On the day you will be shown how to make a beautiful table arrangement (which you get to take home!) followed by a seafood or cheese platter lunch and glass of wine. It's £30 per person which includes the flowers, food and wine. Watch this space!!

Finnygook and The Gook Beach Café

So we've decided to go all north of the border here at The Finnygook this January. We're bringing Scotland to us with Burns night on the evening of Friday 27th January. The Scottish know how to have a good knees up, hence the low life expectancy, but the life they do lead is full of good times (my mother is Scottish so I have first hand experience of this!) We will be doing the full traditional supper with cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, neaps and tatties, roast beef, cranachan (traditional dessert made with cream, whisky, honey and fresh raspberries) and Scottish cheeses with Bannock (A type of flat bread). Don't worry, full translation will be available on the menu which can be found on the Finnygook website. There may be some Scottish there on the evening which we, unfortunately cannot supply translation for so just try and do what I did throughout my child hood. Listen for key words and always be positive in your response!

If that isn't tempting enough there will be a free raffle on the evening for a bottle of single malt, a piper and Robbie Burns orator to really bring the whole thing together. The menu is £24.95 per person for the 3 courses and the fun involved including addressing the Haggis. The Haggis isn't much of a conversationist so please don't expect much of a response. We're even making the house red or white wine £11.95 on the evening just incase the Haggis isn't to your taste!

And here are a few more offers to lure you down into Cornwall to brace the January winds. I'll have to list them!

1. Dinner for 2 at the Finnygook Inn gives you a 2 for 1 voucher for a full English breakfast at the Gook Cafe.
2. If you spend £10 or more in the Gook Cafe you will receive for a voucher for a free starter or pudding in the Finnygook Inn.
3. Any nights bed and breakfasts in January or February is 2 for 1 any day of the week.

And if this doesn't get you to Craffhole then we don't know what will. These offers will run for January and February so what are you waiting for?

For those of you that scrolled to this for some useful information cannon fodder here are this months dates for your diaries. Please be aware that January 2012 is 'Hot Tea Month' a pretty good way to take it if you ask me!

Wednesday 4th - Hypnotism Day - Always wanted to make your other half cluck like a chicken? Here's the day to try it.

Thursday 5th - Bird Day - Now this covers quite a lot in my view. Not just the Albatross or the humble blue tit, but all of them, even Orvil and other famous birds such as Donald Duck and Emu.

Monday 9th - Clean off your desk Day - This day isn't that funny if you've just been fired, more coincidence if anything.

Saturday 14th - Dress up you pet Day - Do we need an excuse? You've always wanted to put shades and a hat on your loving Pooch. "Look how much he looks like a person! Hahaha." Wierd. This is also the date of my 30th birthday - Cards and presents greatly received.

Tuesday 17th - Ditch New Years resolutions Day - Said you would calmer when driving, forget get it, release the inner car monster in you again and get making those gestures. Wanted to lose the Christmas 'spare tyre'? Why bother, you going to be a fatty one day, just embrace it now. Plus theres just more of you to love!

It's time to love you and leave you again and we look forward to seeing you in January and banishing those post Christmas blues.

Bruce and Lesley, Sam and Scott, Nick and Jan, David, Rachel and Jess.



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