

Raven Mad Times



Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of Raven Mad Times the newsletter for the Raven Inn community run pub in Llanarmon-yn-Ial. The pub has now been open for 3 months and is going from strength to strength.

The Raven Inn on television

It's fair to say that since its opening the Raven Inn has attracted a fair amount of media attention from national and local newspapers to television news.

8th December at 8pm

'Save our Boozer'

Blighty Channel

The Raven Inn story will feature in the first edition of this new series. As many of you will be aware it was an offer from the television company TwoFour that enabled the village to re-open the pub. The television cameras were at the Raven Inn throughout the pre-opening preparations and for the first 6 weeks of trading. Tune in to see the transformation of the Raven Inn.

Christmas @ The Raven

The Raven is a traditional country pub with roaring fire. An ideal place to come and celebrate the festivities. It will be open on Christmas day for a couple of hours, please see the website for details of opening hours over the holidays. Plans are also underway for a traditional pub New Year celebration complete with real ale and cider – no gimmicks just a great atmosphere. Everyone welcome.



A Message from the Chairman

We can all take great pride in a job well done as the Raven continues to be a great place to visit. Thanks to all our efforts the Raven is well and truly on the map as visitors from far and wide travel in to sample the food, the beers and the great quality entertainment. It has also become what we have always wanted, a great place for the locals to regularly meet up and enjoy what a country pub should be.

It is good to see that without trying too hard we do seem to continue to attract a lot of publicity, much of it national. We have had an excellent article in the Leader from a 'mystery eater' and the excitement (becoming 'old hat' now) of a live broadcast from the Raven on S4C (thanks to those willing to 'go live'). We are on Radio Wales again soon and it will be interesting to see what fallout we get from our eagerly awaited appearance on 'Save Our Boozer'.

Having just come off the back of three very busy and successful nights at the Raven, starting with the Young Mums Christmas outing on Thursday and ending with the superb Wee Bag band last night (Do NOT miss them if we can tempt them back!) it is clear we have a winning formula even in what are supposedly the quiet times.

Thanks again for all your efforts and here's to a Raven Mad Christmas and New Year for all of us.

Chris

Raven Mad Romance

Forget internet dating come to the Raven Inn folk night. It has already resulted in one whirlwind romance and engagement! Many congratulations to the happy couple.

The Llanarmon-yn-Ial witches make an exclusive appearance



Halloween at the Raven Inn was a very spooky affair with the local witches scaring children (and adults) with games and story telling. Followed by a "ghoulmet BBQ" to fill those ghostly tummies.

Live music @ The Raven Inn

Live acoustic music is now a regular event at the Raven Inn. Some great acts have already played and more are booked for the coming months. Check out the blackboard in the pub or grab a flyer for details. All bookings are also on the website.

The Raven Inn also now has its own piano for spur of the moment sing a longs. A big thank you to Bob for sourcing it.

Food @ The Raven Inn

The menu continues to expand with quality locally sourced freshly prepared meals. After starting out focusing on sandwiches and soup a varied menu with specials is now available Thursday to Sunday. Most recent additions include a Curry night on a Thursday and all day Saturday menu. The Fish'n'Chip Friday recently received a rave review in the local paper.

The Raven Inn now has established darts, pool and quiz teams. If you'd like to join in add your name on the noticeboard.

Coming up.....

Traditional Music night Thursday 10th Dec with Denise, Bob and friends. Bring along an instrument and play along. Check them out on YouTube now!

On **Tuesday 15th December** sing-a-long **Christmas carols** with St Garmon's church.

Saturday the 19th December we welcome **Andy Hickie** and his fellow comrades to the pub. His mother is originally from the village so it's almost a welcome home gig. Check his unique style of folk music at www.myspace.com/andyhickie.

Wednesday 23rd December a not so traditional "knee slapping" **Christmas sing along**.



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