



The Big Pub PUSH

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Pubs are so much more than just, well, pubs! They are support for many, a place to socialise, meet, have fun and enjoy. Many of the Gloucester pubs host various events throughout the week, from quizzes to brewing sessions.

Celebrating pubs between 19th-25th October 2026

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"Pubs, as you know, if you have followed the Big Pub Push project over the last four years, are important to me! I constantly bang on about how good they are! Why they are assets of our communities and ultimately boost our city to the next level.

We are privileged to have so many pubs on our door step and have ones that continue to change and develop as time goes on. We have seen many changes to the pub scene over the past year, with the unfortunate news of The Turks Head Inn closing to the 'Dr Who' style regeneration of The Dick Whittington into The Sisters, it clearly proves there is never a dull moment in our pubs or our city.

All our pubs across the city are deserving of our support, whether you're a local of one or a visitor to another, your guaranteed a warm welcome, a fresh perspective on our pubs. Pubs, like our city are one big community, full of conversations, new stories, people and ultimately change.

I hope to see you at the bar of one of our city's fine establishments, to share a pint and a story or two and to raise a glass to Gloucester's Big Pub Push!

Cheers!

Alastair Kerr
South West Regional Representative Campaign for Pubs.

The background image shows the exterior of 'The Drunken Duck' pub. It is a small, single-story building with a brick facade. A green-painted wooden frame surrounds the entrance and windows. Above the entrance, a sign reads 'The DRUNKEN DUCK' in red and white lettering. A vintage-style globe light fixture is mounted on the brick wall to the right of the entrance. In the foreground, there are wooden picnic tables and blue metal stools. The top of the image has a solid green horizontal band.

The DRUNKEN DUCK

Nestled away on Bull Lane, is arguably Gloucester's hidden gem of a micropub is The Drunken Duck. Don't be put off by its size, this pub boasts a huge selection of real & craft ales, spirits and wine selection.

In the safe hands of the Landlord, Ryan Foster and team, The Drunken Duck continues to make waves and with its friendly locals making everyone welcome to the smallest pub in Gloucester. The Duck is one that has a true community behind it, never a dull conversation and a great place to unwind with a great pint!

It's well worth giving it a try, if you fancy somewhere quirky, full of welcome and good beer! It is also dog friendly, so always a good spot to start or finish a long dog walk through our great city!

The PELICAN INN

You can't mention or talk about pubs in Gloucester without mentioning The Pelican Inn.

This Wye Valley pub just off Pitt Street is a real ale marvel of a pub, award winning and continuously showcasing the Wye Valley range and guest beers from across the UK, it's a must visit.

It is a unique pub and one to also soak up the atmosphere of Gloucester Rugby as it's on the way to Kingsholm and is extremely popular with home and away supporters alike.

With a great team, friendly locals, it could be your next spot for a tipples on our ever-diverse Gloucester Pub selection.



CAFE RENE

Real ale, good pub food and music, lots of it, can all be found at Cafe Rene just off Southgate Street.

Cafe Rene is a Gloucester institution, it's synonymous with the pub life of Gloucester and quite right to.

With its historic setting and wonderful suntrap of its outside space, it's a beautiful part of Gloucester's history and worthy of a place in the pub crawl that is Gloucester City centre.

With music events weekly, including a 'jam' session on Sundays, if you're looking for a place that has great independent music and great beer, then Cafe Rene is the place to go.



WHAT'S ON

The background image shows a two-story brick building, likely a cafe or pub. A sign on the right side of the building partially reads 'Cafe'. In the foreground, there are several wooden picnic tables and benches arranged on a paved area. A black umbrella is closed and leaning against one of the tables. A large potted plant is visible on the right. The scene is set during the day with a clear sky.

**Light bites special - 3 for £18.95 - all day, everyday.
Perfect for sharing.**

Roast & Dessert deal for £20 on Sunday.

**Wednesday 21st: LIVE music from local blues legends Blues Café Orchestra from 8pm
FREE ENTRY**

**Friday 23rd: LIVE music with soul act Neirin from 9pm
FREE ENTRY**

Saturday 24th: DJ Fade from Wax DJs plays an all vinyl set from 10pm spinning records from across the globe. Ibiza in the vault from 9pm in the cellar bar playing all the Balearic classics.

**Sunday 25th: Renés weekly jam session.
Open to all, bring your instrument of choice and join in. Make new friends, creating musical memories.**



Best Pub Winner 2024 and 2025

The FOUNTAIN INN

Upon visiting The Fountain Inn, you may be forgiven for thinking that you are no longer in the City of Gloucester and have been transported to a pub in the heart of the countryside in the Cotswolds.

However, I can confirm that the charm of The Fountain is matched and made even better by its brilliant staff, real ale selection and superb food. The Fountain is a must for anyone wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of the city centre.

The Fountain, led by landlady Helen Bates and her wonderful team continues to make this pub a go to destination, with seven real ale taps and multiple keg lines, there is something for everyone, including our K9 friends who are made equally welcome.

Do, if you haven't already give The Fountain Inn a try, it is truly a haven in an ever-changing city.

Regular Offers:

2 steaks and a bottle of wine for £45
(Monday - Saturday)

2 course Sunday Lunch for £20

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The SISTERS

Well, it's the new kid on the block, The Sisters, formally The Dick Whittington on Westgate Street. It is now called The Sisters and for the past few months has slowly been giving the place a new blast of life after a prolonged closure.

The Sisters is slowly building up a reputable events list, including folk nights and other music themed events. This pub is certainly one to keep an eye on.

With an ever-changing real ale selection and keg beer line up, maybe change is a good thing and certainly one worth a chance.

Do give it a try and who knows, it may surprise you!

WHAT'S ON

Monday 19th: Weekly Quiz night every Monday with free supper. £1 per person, play your cards right. Teams of 6 max

Tuesday 20th: Weekly Folk Night with the Fieldcaps. Everyone welcome.

Friday 23rd: Dark Corner Presents: A multi-genre Halloween show featuring FMA & 12Gage. Blacklisted MC. Lauren Harrop. Savage Panda. Zakky Bounce. d.j's, Honey Bones. Scary Liv. DJ Enoch. Digital photo booth. Band merch, crafts & gift stalls from local independent traders. 8pm - 3am Pay What You Can OTD Fancy dress prize of £50

Saturday 24th: Cigar Box Workshop with UK Cigar box legend Howlin' Mat 2pm-4pm. Make your own 2 string cgb all tools/materials supplied.[WEGOTTICKETS.COM/F/26813](https://www.wegotickets.com/F/26813) Followed by Howlin'Mat in the evening 6pm free entry.

Sunday 25th: Gloucester Singer Songwriters Showcase. 12pm onwards

DR FOSTER

Gloucester Docks is full of beautiful hospitality hot-spots and one of those is Dr Foster.

Dr Foster, simply put is a must visit if you're in the Docks visiting the Quays or on your way to the Gate Streets.

It has an eclectic selection of real ale, often supporting local Gloucestershire breweries and ones from across the South West.

Also to boost its already impressive selection, it has a hearty food menu, perfect for any pallet and with incredible views over the main basin, it's a must visit for any discerning pub goer.



WHAT'S ON

Monday 19th: Launch of the Autumn/Winter Menu
- Think British pub classics, hearty brunches and modern twists.

Tuesday 20th: Pub Quiz - £4 Entry, £100 top prize.
Prizes for 2nd and 3rd

Wednesday 21st: Tap Takeover - This week it's
Tiley's Brewery - Enjoy a pint for £3

Thursday 22nd: Comedy Club - Laughter lands at
Dr Foster for this month's Comedy Club

Friday 23rd: Butcher's Dock Steak Night - Buy 2
Steaks and receive a bottle of wine on us!

Saturday 24th: Live Music from Louisa Sanders
starting at 7pm - Free Entry



WHAT'S ON WAREHOUSE 4

Monday 19th: Quiz Night with Rikki Hill 7pm - £2 Entry

Wednesday 21st: Launch of Hollie's Spirit in Collaboration with the Hollie Gazzard Trust - 7pm

Thursday 22nd: Brewery Tour with Trevor £24 per person and Live Acoustic Music 7pm

Friday 23rd: Mayor of Gloucester's Music night, an evening of Reggae, Slow-Jams and R&B, £2 entry with all proceeds going to the Mayor's chosen charities from 7pm

Saturday 24rd: Live Music from 7pm



WHAT'S ON BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Mondays: It's Board Games Night plus Burger & Pint for £13.95

Tuesdays: Join us for Pub Bingo plus Burger & Pint for £13.95

**Wednesdays: Quiz 7.30pm - £2pp & Wings
Wednesday + Pint for £13.95**

Thursdays: Steak & Pint deal for £19.95.

**Fridays: Meet the Brewer Night and Fish Friday for
£18.50**

**Saturdays: Open Brewday from 10am-6pm, and
Pie & Pint deal for £17.50**

**We also have Hoppy Days on Monday to Friday
12pm-6pm cask ale £3.65 & keg £4.65**

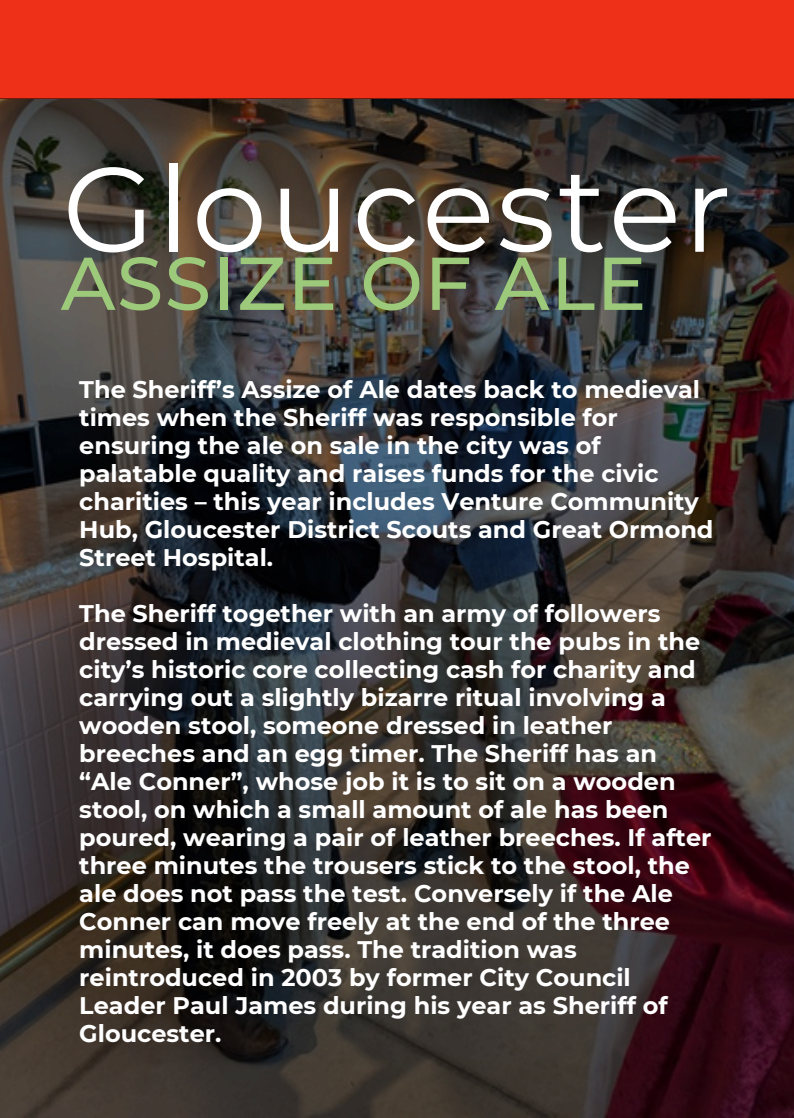
PAWS FOR PINTS

Four-legged friends are welcome in many of Gloucester's pubs! Whether you're after a cosy corner, a dock-side stroll or a refreshing drink after exploring the city, discover dog-friendly pubs where you and your pooch can relax, unwind and enjoy a warm Gloucester welcome together.

Here's a few to put on your list:

The Drunken Duck
The Fountain Inn
Cafe Rene
The Sisters
Robert Raikes
Brewhouse & Kitchen
The Pelican Inn
Dr Foster
Warehouse 4





Gloucester ASSIZE OF ALE

The Sheriff's Assize of Ale dates back to medieval times when the Sheriff was responsible for ensuring the ale on sale in the city was of palatable quality and raises funds for the civic charities – this year includes Venture Community Hub, Gloucester District Scouts and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Sheriff together with an army of followers dressed in medieval clothing tour the pubs in the city's historic core collecting cash for charity and carrying out a slightly bizarre ritual involving a wooden stool, someone dressed in leather breeches and an egg timer. The Sheriff has an "Ale Conner", whose job it is to sit on a wooden stool, on which a small amount of ale has been poured, wearing a pair of leather breeches. If after three minutes the trousers stick to the stool, the ale does not pass the test. Conversely if the Ale Conner can move freely at the end of the three minutes, it does pass. The tradition was reintroduced in 2003 by former City Council Leader Paul James during his year as Sheriff of Gloucester.

CATCH IT IN ACTION

Thursday 22nd October:

7.00pm – Dr Foster

7.15pm – The Hop Kettle

7.30pm – The Lord High Constable

8.00pm – Oliver's Bar

8.15pm – Warehouse 4

8.30pm – Portivo Lounge

8.45pm – Brewhouse & Kitchen



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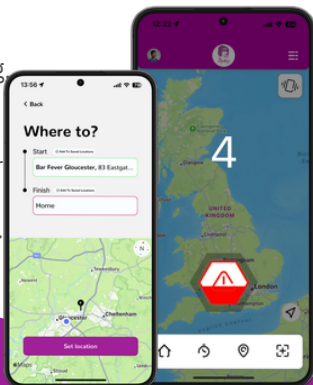
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“Pubs are so much more than somewhere to buy a pint. They’re meeting places, employers, music venues, community hubs and often one of the last places left where people from every walk of life genuinely come together. But right now, even busy pubs are finding it incredibly difficult to make the numbers work.

We can keep pushing government for a fairer tax system for hospitality, and we absolutely should, but there’s something all of us can do today. Use your local. Have the pint, stay for lunch, book the Sunday roast, go to the quiz, take your family and tell your friends when you find somewhere brilliant. Because once a great pub disappears, it’s incredibly difficult to get it back. The Big Pub Push is a brilliant reminder that if we value these places and want them to remain part of our communities, we have to support them while they’re still here.”

Dorian Kirk, Founder, ART Hospitality

