

History of the Sheaf of Arrows

The Inn is located in Dorset, just over the Somerset border, on the outskirts of Melbury Osmond or Meleberie as it is called in the 1086 Domesday Book.

The road in front of the Inn running North to Yeovil and South to Dorchester is referred to as Yeovil Road, although the correct name is the Roman Road.

We do not know how old the building is, but in the late 1700's the building was originally three small cottages which formed a small community tenanted by Millers, Blacksmiths, Grooms, Carpenters and Labourers. These cottages were given to the Chauffeur of the Lady of the Manor in 1860 at which time they were converted to an Inn and a single storey extension added.

The Skittle Alley was built in 1938 and has been refurbished with a new roof 80 years on.

A family named Colley ran the pub for 80 years from 1855.

The property was acquired in 1876 by Joseph Brutton, a common brewer and then named The Rest and Welcome Inn. He started Bruttons Brewery which became Bass in later years.

Charles and Ida House took over the pub in 1935. They made various modernisations including raising the roof, a larger Top bar and a Ladies Toilet. Up to 1947 when mains electric was installed in the area, the Inn relied on its own stationary engine that powered a generator behind the garage (which is now the kitchen). There were 20 glass cased batteries charged up that were in the attic above the garage. We have named the Function Room in memory of Charlie House and his 40-year tenancy. Although Charlie is the one to be seen in most of the photographs we have put up, Ida was the one doing most of the hard work behind the scenes! They very rarely took a day off in the whole 40-year period.

In 1977 Bass auctioned off the pub although the purchaser was required to purchase all alcoholic liquors for a period of 5 years, after which it became a Free House.

Thomas Hardy, his second wife Florence and his dog, Wessex, last visited the Inn in 1927. Mr Hardy based his story "Interlopers in the Knap" in and around Melbury Osmond and the characters stay at The Rest and Welcome Inn which he names the Sheaf of Arrows in his book. The story can be found in the Wessex Tales Strange, Lively and Commonplace Vol 2 of 2 earlier versions.

We closed the Inn for 7 months in early 2018 to refurbish and update the property and changed the name to Sheaf of Arrows.

And yes, we do have two ghosts!

N I B B L E S

Mini Antipasti Platter – selection of smoked and cured meats and cheeses, served with a salad garnish, olives and onion chutney –

Single -£5.95 To Share - £9.50 GF

To share- trio of breaded King prawns, Arancini Balls and Halloumi
With chilli mayo - £6.50

Bread with Olive Oil & Balsamic Vinegar - £2.50

S T A R T E R S

Breaded Halloumi with a choice of dips - £5.95 V

Paté served with toast and onion chutney - £5.95

Arancini Balls (Chorizo and Risotto Rice) - £5.95

Sheaf of Arrows Special Advocado (Prawns and Mushrooms in a creamy white wine/cheese sauce) - £6.95 GF

Breaded King Prawn Butterfly with a choice of dips – chilli mayo, aiolo (garlic mayo), mayo - £5.95

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MAINS

Meat

Chargrilled Chicken marinated with lemon/tarragon served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables or Summer Salad - £12.50 GF

Sticky Chunky Ribs served with Chips and homemade Coleslaw - £13.00 GF

Ham, Egg & Chips - £8.50

ALL STEAK OFF THE GRILL

8oz Rump Steak served with Chips, Garden Peas, Tomatoes and Mushrooms - £19.00

8oz Fillet Steak served with Chips, Garden Peas, Tomatoes and Mushrooms - £22.00

(add: Peppercorn, Mushroom or Blue Vinny (local cheese) sauce - £2.00 each)

(add: Onion Rings - £1.50)

Create your own freshly home-made
chargrilled Burgers – (GF Option available)

Toasted brioche bun, beef, breast of chicken or
vegetarian burger with lettuce, tomato and mayo
served with chips and a side of homemade coleslaw -
£9.50

Add: Bacon, Cheese, Mushroom, Egg, Pineapple – 50p
each or Onion Rings £1.50

Pasta

Seafood Linguine served in a creamy white sauce -
£10.95

Lasagne served with garlic bread and a salad garnish -
£8.50

Fish

Scampi, chips and garden peas - £9.50

Beer battered Fish, chips and garden peas - £9.50

Today's Fish served with new potatoes and seasonal
vegetables - £12.00 GF

Sheaf of Arrows Vegetarian & Vegan

Goats Cheese tartlets or Stuffed Aubergine -both with
spicy Mediterranean vegetables served with salad or
chips - £9.50

Please also see Vegetarian burgers and House Salad

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Chef's Choice – Portuguese Espetadas

Beef with peppers, onion and sweetcorn - £14.00

King prawns with calamari, chorizo and lemon - £14.00

Chicken & Chorizo with peppers and pineapple - £14.00

All the above are on hanging skewers served with a side salad and chips

Sheaf of Arrows House Salads

All served with lettuce, cucumber, tomato, red onion, red, green and yellow peppers, gherkins, olives and croutons - £12.00 Vegan, V, GF options

Chicken Bacon Mayo GF

Prawn with Marie Rose Sauce GF

Cold Meat – Ham or Beef GF

Cheese V GF

Tuna Mayo Sweetcorn GF

Ploughman's Platter – Cheese, Ham, Pickled Onion, Chutney, Celery and Apple with crusty bread - £9.50

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Extras

Garlic Bread £3.00 (with cheese 50p extra) GF option

Chips - £2.50 GF

Cheesy Chips - £3.50 GF

Mushrooms - £1.50

Onion Rings - £2.50

Homemade Coleslaw - £1.00

Light Bites/Bar Food

Sandwiches only available until 6pm

Sandwiches (Brown or White) or Jacket Potatoes

Bacon, Brie and Cranberry - £7.95

A choice of Ham/Cheese/Tomato - £7.95 – all three
extra £1

Prawns with Marie Rose Sauce - £7.95

Tuna Mayo - £7.95

Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato (BLT) - £7.95

Chicken and Bacon with Mayo - £7.95

All the above served with a salad garnish and crisps

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Desserts

All freshly made in house

Choice of Cream, Custard or Ice Cream

Today's Cheesecake - £5.50

Sticky Toffee Pudding - £5.50

Sheaf of Arrows Mess - £5.50 GF

Salted Caramel Chocolate Cup - £5.50 GF

Warm Chocolate Fudge Cake - £5.50

Banana Split - £5.50 GF

Churros and Chocolate Dip - £5.95

Taster Dessert – Chef's Selection of a trio of desserts -
£6.95

Baboo Gelato (ice cream) – Double Chocolate,
Madagascan Vanilla, Maple & Walnut, Strawberry or
Salted Caramel Crunch – Choice of three scoops - £4.50
GF

Vegan Sorbet available – please ask

Cheese Board – A selection of three local cheeses,
biscuits, grapes and celery sticks - £9.50

Coffee - £2.50

Liqueur Coffee - £5.50

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Sunday Menu

Pate - £5.00

Bread and Olives - £2.50

Today's Home Roasted Roast – choice of three meats, roast potatoes, seasonable vegetables, Cauliflower Cheese, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, and gravy - £11.95

Child size available - £8.50

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CHILDREN CHOICES

We can reduce the portion size of most items on our full menu –
please ask your Waitress

Ham & Egg

Fish

Chicken Breast

Sausages

Choose Chips or Mash and Beans or Peas

£6.50

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