

THE PIG-and The Village Pub

The Village Pub news update

THE PIG-and The Village Pub (formerly Barnsley House Hotel and The Boot) will open this summer after a creative and sympathetic restoration masterminded by Judy and Robin Hutson, founders of the much-loved and famed PIG hotels. The Village Pub re-opens on 14th June in time for a summer filled with local ales, cold glasses of wine and out-and-out pub classics.

The Village Pub is nestled in the Cotswold village of Barnsley, with its historic stone houses and undulating countryside. This honeypot of a village is just four miles from Cirencester, the renowned market town on the River Churn rich in Roman, Medieval and Georgian architecture and now with a vibrant scene of cafés, boutiques and antiques arcades.

The Village Pub oozes English country charm, where the beauty of this place is in its simplicity. With crackling fires throughout the autumn and winter, locals gathered at the bar, and a menu brimming with nostalgic classics using the freshest and most flavorsome ingredients. Bring on Jugged Beef and Carrot, Smoked Haddock Fish Cake, Bangers & Mash with onion gravy or Godsell's Double Gloucester and White Bloomer Ploughman's. All rounded off with a classic Gooseberry Crumble or Chocolate Mousse. For those hankering after pub snacks, how about Jesse Smith's Pork Pie, Gentleman's Relish on toast or Pork Scratchings? And with a serious wine list to match - you'll notice a familiar nod to English wine - plus soothing pints of local gravity fed ale from both Stroud and Arkells alongside others on tap like Severn Cider. But it's not just about the food and drink - The Village Pub is at the heart of the community, where the warmth and passion of our team makes every visit feel like coming home.

The pub has six cosy bedrooms where each one is different from the next, all bursting with character. Designer and curator of the look, Judy Hutson says *'We are all very excited about The Village Pub. We have never had a pub before and of course everyone has their own idea of how a perfect pub should feel. In our case, this 18th century building is a very good starting point. Low ceilings, huge oak beams and multiple fireplaces all feature, together with cosy bedrooms which we are updating to The Pig Hotel standard. Just being in the space automatically strikes a Dickensian Tavern cord and the strong moody colour palette I have chosen only emphasizes this. Of course, there will be lots of eclectic collectibles to feast the eyes on and, while not my area, I know the delicious menu and traditional ales will complement.'*

The first guests are welcome from 14th June. Rooms start from £215 B&B. The Village Pub will be open all day, every day; from noon until 11 pm.

THE PIG will open in early September.

An initial image of The Village Pub is available [here](#)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Village Pub is a first for THE PIG group – a Grade II listed, 18th century classic British pub rooted in the heart of Barnsley, just four miles from the market town of Cirencester, and in perfect striking distance of Bibury, Burford and Bourton-on-the-water. The traditional Cotswold-stone building started life as 3 cottages which were converted in the early 18th century into The Greyhound Inn. The first registered owner was Wenman Aubrey Wykeham-Musgrave of Thame Park and Barnsley Park, until ownership passed to the Cirencester Brewery on 6th September 1935. In the 1920s, the pub changed its name to The Village Inn and, in 1952, it became Grade II listed. Around half a century later, The Village Inn swapped “inn” for “pub”, and after a brief 2-year stint as The Boot, it reopened in the summer of 2024 as The Village Pub – where the focus is on the humble list of proper pub food and traditional bar snacks on the menu, and local gravity fed ales and a serious wine list behind the bar. The Village Pub is quite different from what you’re used to seeing across THE PIGs, with its oak-beamed ceilings, large roaring fireplaces and 6 comfortable and stylish bedrooms tucked away in the eaves. While you won’t find a Kitchen Garden or Potting Shed treatment rooms at The Village Pub, you can be sure of the same reliable and honest commitment from THE PIG group in using the best quality local produce, and delivering a laid-back, warm and welcoming experience. The Village Pub aims to be the beating heart of the local community, where you will always see friendly, regular faces gathered at the bar and where you will always receive a warm welcome from the Pub Landlord Luis, every day of the week.

THE PIG group is a personal collection of small lifestyle restaurants with rooms where the focus is on authenticity and informality of design, food and service. There are currently nine PIG hotels; THE PIG, THE PIG-near Bath, THE PIG-on the beach; THE PIG-at Combe, THE PIG-in the wall, THE PIG-at Bridge Place, THE PIG-at Harlyn Bay, THE PIG-in the South Downs and THE PIG-and The Village Pub. With an obsessive commitment to home grown and local produce, THE PIG celebrates the seasons and uses only the best, freshest and most authentic foods and ingredients. It is all about the kitchen gardens, they are the beating heart of the operation. Everything is driven by the kitchen gardener/forager and chef. They grow and source the food and the chef then creates the menu; uncomplicated and simple kitchen garden food, true to the micro seasons with the emphasis squarely on fresh, clean flavours. What cannot be grown in THE PIG’s kitchen garden is sourced within a 25-mile radius of each hotel. There are no ‘cookie-cutter roll-outs’; each hotel has its own personality and sense of self. Every property comes with laid-back warm service and a genuine commitment to environmental and social responsibility. THE PIG hotels aim to deliver an outstanding experience for every guest; a ‘wow’ moment that surprises and delights for a price that won’t break the bank. Home grown in every way – breaking the mould of designed hotels by working with what it has and recognising what is good about that. Designed in the style that has become THE PIG’s signature, each hotel has a garden restaurant and bedrooms with a touch of luxury and bags of homely charm plus Potting Shed or Shepherd’s Hut massage treatment rooms in or near the kitchen gardens.