

The Old Windmill, *a pub for all seasons*

With the heatwave of summer a distant memory (probably!), it's hard to imagine the pleasure of entering the surprisingly airy – and air-conditioned – interior of this attractive pub and feeling cool and comfortable enough to enjoy an excellent lunch.

Air conditioning certainly wasn't one of the attractions on offer when The Old Windmill first opened its doors at the end of the 18th Century, when records show that one Joshua Appleton, Licensed Victualler, held the lease for 14 years. But Joshua and his successors have been doing something right for the last 200+ years, as the pub still thrives today under the capable management of Nick Clark and his very efficient and professional team of eight chefs and thirty front of house staff.



The pub, now owned by the Brunning and Price group, has undergone much extension work over the decades, but the charm of the old building remains. The building's history is evident in the exposed timbers and a selection of open fireplaces and woodburners, perfect to savour a pint before, or after, an autumnal walk.



puds complete the menu... unless that is you have room for their British and French cheese board too!

The kitchen takes quality fresh ingredients and prepares, cooks and presents them in a modern, but unpretentious, way. The menu changes regularly and ranges from pub favourites: there's always a 'proper' pie on offer – a shortcrust pastry, chicken, ham hock and leek pie for example – to more exotic choices such as a harrisa-spiced lamb burger with grilled halloumi. There is a wide selection of light bites and sandwiches (from £6.25 to £10.95), served until 5pm, including such dishes as a rump steak, or a salt beef sandwich, with fries or a spicy crab, ginger and coriander linguine. Starters, sharing platters and tempting

The pub runs various events throughout the year, including a popular Farmers' Market, and if you're thinking of booking for Christmas, now is the time to do it.

**Monday – Saturday 11.30am – 11pm, Sunday 12 noon – 10:30pm. Food served 12 noon – 9pm every day (9.30pm Fri & Sat). Ample parking – disabled access. The Old Windmill, South Hanningfield Road, South Hanningfield CM3 8HT
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