

The Star Inn, *a pub with bright ideas*

If any foreign tourist has a dream of strolling around a perfect little English village, then Ingatestone fits the bill. And if they then wanted to sample the perfect English village pub, they should definitely pop into the Star Inn in the village High Street.

This popular gastro pub seems to be always lively with both drinkers and diners.

The decor is stylish with contemporary paint and textiles, giving a spacious feeling, with a generous amount of room between the tables, whilst retaining all of those original pub features that create a cosy atmosphere.

Let's face it, when a pub dates from around 1480, you'd be mad to modernise too much. Besides, it might rile the resident ghosts that are reputed to occasionally make their presence felt - in a friendly way of course!

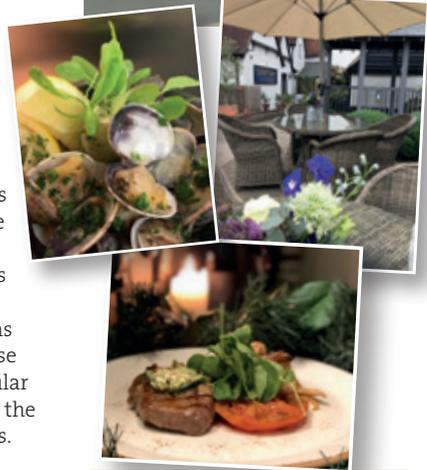
This Grays Brewery pub is run by a young and enthusiastic professional team headed by business owner Liz Haines, manager Karen and head chef Rachel.

Service is friendly and there is a great choice when lunching: light bites with deep filled sandwiches such as the club trio: smoked

chicken, egg mayonnaise, and streaky bacon on granary bread or ciabatta. Pub classics include liver and bacon, a Wagyu and beef brisket burger or a steak and ale pie. There is a good selection of vegetarian options too, such as an asparagus and pea risotto.

Puds feature a pistachio baked Alaska and a toffee apple tarte tatin. All food is prepared on the premises using local independent suppliers wherever possible.

On the first Tuesday evening of the month there is an opportunity for fine dining, with the Chef's Tasting Menu at £30 for five courses, and on Friday nights the place buzzes with people enjoying tapas and perhaps sampling one of the 30+ gins on offer.... The Star Inn is a big part of village life and has a great community feel. These regular events are very popular and booking is advised. Visit the website for upcoming events.



Monday - 16.00 - 23.00 (no food)
 Tues to Thurs - 11.30 - 23.00
 Fri & Sat - 11.30 - Midnight
 Sunday - 12 noon - 21.00
 Parking behind pub and in public car park across road. Disabled access (please give advance notice).
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