

PORTSMOUTH PUB NEWS ARCHIVE 2006:

23 Dec 06:

The Webmaster has been contacted by a correspondent who informs him that the India Arms on Great Southsea Street has been boarded up and is currently having work carried out on behalf of Enterprise Inns. Rumours suggest that it may be converted, either in part or in full, to an Indian Restaurant. Let's hope these rumours are unfounded.

13 Dec 06:

Planning permission is being sought to install a new 'shop front' and signage at the Shipwright's Arms on Edinburgh Road. The premises is to be converted to a restaurant/cafe.

6 Dec 06:

The Baffins on Tangier Road, Baffins has been granted planning permission to erect a garden pergola.

6 Dec 06:

Fuller Smith and Turner has applied for planning permission to internally alter and refurbish the grade 2 listed Still and West Country House on Bath Square, Old Portsmouth.

10 Nov 06:

The Webmaster has been contacted by an individual who hopes to reopen the Air Balloon on Flying Bull Lane. Mile End.

25 Oct 06:

The Baffins Inn, Baffins Road, Milton has applied for planning permission to erect a garden pergola on the west side of the house.

11 Oct 06:

The Front Room on Guildhall Walk has now closed after only a short life.

11 Oct 06:

The former Ellie Jay's fun pub on Guildhall Walk has reopened as The Fuzzy Duck.

11 Oct 06:

The City Bar on Isambard Brunel Road is now closed and boarded.

11 Oct 06:

Conditional permission has been given to construct a single-storey rear extension at the Green Posts, London Road, Hilsea.

03 Oct 06:

A correspondent of the Webmaster's reports that The Tap in North End is due to close and be converted to a Toby Restaurant. This is a curious rumour, bearing in mind the small size of the pub and the usual large size of Toby Carvery establishments. Watch this space.

30 Sep 06:

Casey's Bar on Common Street, Fratton has now been demolished, to make way for more housing.

30 Sep 06:

The Albany on Commercial Road is currently closed and has had its signage removed.

30 Sep 06:

The lease for the Oakwood on Northern Parade, Hilsea is currently for sale, though the pub remains trading.

27 Sep 06:

Planning permission has once again been refused to demolish the Town House on Portland Road and build housing on the site.

27 Sep 06:

The following city pubs have made it into the 2007 CAMRA Good Beer Guide: Thatchers, Bridge Tavern, Cellars At Eastney, 5th Hants Volunteer Arms, Florence Arms, Hole In The Wall, Old Customs House, Old House At Home, Pembroke, RMA Tavern, Sir Loin Of Beef, Still & West, Winchester Arms.

27 Sep 06:

Yet another planning application has been submitted to convert the former Guardsman pub on Fratton Road into private housing.

23 Aug 06:

The Star and Garter, Copnor Road, Copnor has applied for planning permission to construct a rear extension to the pub.

20 Aug 06:

The Shipwright's Arms has now had its boarding removed as there are signs of internal alterations being undertaken. It is not yet known whether the premises shall reopen as a pub.

09 Aug 06:

The owner of the George & Dragon, Kingston Road, Buckland has submitted a planning application to construct a smoking canopy at the rear of the premises.

09 Aug 06:

J D Wetherspoon has placed an application to extend licensing hours at the Sir John Baker, London Road, North End from 7.00am to 12.30am seven days per week.

27 Jul 06:

An application has been submitted to the city council for the construction of a single-storey rear extension at the Green Posts, Hilsea.

05 Jul 06:

The owner of The Victory on The Hard, Portsea has resubmitted a planning application to carry out external alterations to the premises, including the siting of three flagpoles. February's application to the council was rejected.

15 Jun 06:

The owner of The Phoenix on Duncan Road, Southsea has applied for permission to carry out alterations to the area between the main house and the games room annexe.

15 Jun 06:

Greene King is seeking planning permission to construct a decked seating area and canopy at the rear of The Festing, on Festing Road, Southsea.

12 Jun 06:

A planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the Town House, Portland Road, Southsea.

01 Jun 06:

The Coach and Horses on London Road, Hilsa has been recently taken over by new manager Steve Wright, formerly of the Woodpecker, Waterloo. Steve has Cask Marque accreditation, which means that customers can be sure of a quality pint of real ale. Fullers London Pride and Youngs Waggle Dance were on offer during the Webmaster's recent visit, albeit at West End prices!

29 May 06:

Approval has been given to allow the Hole In The Wall, Gt Southsea Street, to extend its opening hours seven nights per week.

29 May 06:

Planning permission has now been granted to build private residences on the site of the now-demolished Whitehall pub on Kingston Road, Buckland.

29 May 06:

The application to convert the former Guardsman pub on Fratton Road into private residences has thankfully been withdrawn.

29 May 06:

Planning permission has been granted to convert the ground and basement levels of the old Dog and Duck on Fratton Road into a new bar and restaurant.

29 May 06:

J D Wetherspoon has applied for permission to construct a smoking enclosure adjacent to the John Jacques on Fratton Road.

19 May 06:

Yet another local pub, the Shipwrights Arms on Edinburgh Road appears to have been lost. It is reported that the house is currently closed and boarded. How many more pubs are we to lose?

13 May 06:

The St Mary's Arms on St Mary's Road, Fratton is the latest casualty of the Portsmouth Pubs scene, having recently closed its doors for the final time. The premises is currently boarded, awaiting an uncertain fate.

04 May 06:

Punch Taverns has applied to the council for permission to erect a canopy at the rear of the Shearer Arms on Shearer Road, following the demolition of the present outbuildings.

27 Apr 06:

J D Wetherspoon has withdrawn an application to allow the playing of music at the Sir John Baker in North End. This is just as well, as Wetherspoon seems determined of late to introduce televisions and music in all their pubs - the absence of which was one of the things that made their houses so appealing in the first place. I guess they call it 'progress'!

27 Apr 06:

The application submitted in February to carry out external alterations to the Victory on The Hard, Portsea has been refused by the council.

22 Mar 06:

The owners of the Hole In The Wall on Gt Southsea Street have applied for permission to extend opening hours until 11.30pm Sunday to Thursday and until 12.30am Friday and Saturday.

22 Mar 06:

The owner of the former Guardsman pub on Fratton Road (one of the City's oldest buildings) has applied for permission to convert the premises into two private houses. Let us hope that this contemptuous submission falls at the first hurdle. SEND OBJECTIONS TO PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPT, QUOTING DA NUMBER A*30070/AB.

15 Mar 06:

A planning application has been submitted to convert the ground and basement levels of the former NatWest bank (previously the Dog and Duck pub) on Fratton Road into a new bar and restaurant.

26 Feb 06:

The whole Gales pub estate across the city and beyond looks set to be stocking Fullers-brewed Gales ales by the end of March, when brewing is expected to cease at Horndean. A very sad prospect after 160 years of brewing.

26 Feb 06:

J D Wetherspoon has applied for permission to allow the playing of music during opening hours at the Sir John Baker, London Road, North End. The original concept of the quiet pub now seems to be under threat within the Wetherspoon estate.

26 Feb 06:

Planning permission is being sought by the owner of the Victory pub on The Hard, Portsea to carry out external alterations to the premises.

09 Feb 06:

The Leopold Tavern, Albert Road, Southsea is currently available for lease through Enterprise Inns.

26 Jan 06:

A revised application submitted to the council to build flats on the site of the Town House, Portland Road, Southsea has been refused.