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# nntouch **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Welcome to the March/April 2016 issue of Inn Touch. There is a host of great offers throughout the magazine to tempt you including money off cask ales AND free POS upon purchase. Make sure you mention the deals you're interested in to your telesales adviser on your weekly calls.

We've also included some news from around the estate and information on the change in business rates. Take a look on

As always we invite you to join Trust Inns' on Facebook where we like to share great business building ideas, exclusive Facebook offers and prizes for both you and your customers to win. Follow us at www.facebook.com/trustinns

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Easter Monday

### APRIL

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**Grand National** 

Queen's Birthday

(ahead of her 90th birthday celebrations - 12-15th May)

St George's Day

London Marathon

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LANDLORD WHO SERVED WITH PRINCE HARRY OFFERS VETERANS FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Blyth & Tyne, Northumberland



Back in December, pub landlord, Brian Erskine from the Blyth & Tyne pub in Northumberland, who served with Prince Harry in Afghanistan, offered veterans a free Christmas dinner so they didn't have to spend the day alone.

Brian, 33, served in the Life Guards Household Cavalry between 2000 and 2010. He served with Harry whilst in Afghanistan and credited the Prince's loyalty to veterans as inspiration for his idea.

He said, "Harry was one of the boys but when it was time he knew how to be an officer. I see what he is doing for veterans and I want to help in my own way too."

On the big day Brian's mother and stepfather were in charge of the cooking whilst Brian and his brother chatted with their guests in the pub, which also offers a yearround 10% discount to current and ex-servicemen and women. The idea has proved a hit with the public with over 28 veterans turning up on the day, and Brian has already been contacted by a pub owner in Surrey who wants to copy it.

As our picture shows, everyone looked like they had a lovely time and the pub received some positive publicity from the local paper too! A fantastic result all round.

# Merry Christmas

**PUB NEWS** 

# **CUSTOMERS TAKE A DIP FOR CHARITY**

#### Turbinia, Newcastle

The New Year's day "dip" in the ice cold water of St Edwards Bay by the customers of the Turbinia in Newcastle proves the great lengths people will go to to raise cash for charities close to their heart.

Vicky, the licensee, explained how the dip is part of annual fundraising activities at the pub, and this year it was in aid of prostate cancer, an illness that sadly claimed the life of Vicky's beloved brother, Ritchie, last year.

Rather than take part in the dip, Vicky offered free soup and a pint to all

participants upon their return (wise choice!!) and has been instrumental in ensuring that all sponsor monies from the 34 "dippers" are collected and forwarded to their chosen charity. The dip raised just short of £4000 in total. A fantastic result!

Our pictures show the participants pre the "big dip" and for their costumes alone we think they deserve our admiration and support. Well done to all at the Turbinia.









# TIME TO BUSINESS RATES



Business rates are charged on nearly all non-domestic properties and are charged by your local council. Bills are normally issued in February and March each year. This is for the following year.

The 2017 revaluation is approaching... At revaluation, the government adjusts the value of business rates to reflect changes in the property market.

As a result, the 2017 rates revaluation is the first opportunity since 2008 for your pub rates to be reduced to reflect your current circumstances.

To help you with this process, Trust Inns is taking steps to instruct a rating agent who, in turn, will be contacting all our lessees and tenants to assist

Watch out for further announcements in subsequent issues of Inn Touch  $\mathfrak{C}^{\mathcal{E}}$ or contact Roger Walker of Gerald Eve GERALD**EVE** on 0161 830 7096 / rwalker@geraldeve.com





Following the success of our Win a Car promotion in the North West & North East of England, the Win a Car team are now hitting the South of England to replicate its success.

41 pubs are taking part in the promotion where customers earn the right to enter a free prize draw after collecting up to ten stamps each time they buy a pint.

The prize draw, which will take place on Sunday 20th March at the Blagrave Arms in Reading, will see the winner from each of the 41 participating pubs entered into the hat and drawn at random to win a brand new Dacia Sandero.

There will also be some other great prizes on offer; three prizes for the Grovefield House Hotel near Windsor and two cash prizes of £100. Winners will also each receive a free bottle of champagne for being the chosen winner for their pub.

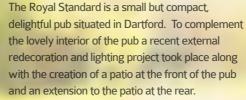
We look forward to reporting the lucky winner's details in our next issue and announcing where the Win a Car team will be heading next.

For more information on the promotion, pictures of previous winners and details of how the promotion is progressing visit www.facebook.com/winadaciaatyourlocalpub

# ESTATE DEVELOPMENT As we approach Spring & Summer, take a look at some of our external projects from 2015. Please talk to your BDM about

any future opportunities to develop your pub.

## **ROYAL STANDARD**, BELVEDERE, DARTFORD



As our pictures show, the exterior of the pub is now more inviting and attractive to new and potential customers, and the extension of the patio at the back of the pub has created an extended trading area for the pub to maximise any good weather we may get this year.



#### ACORN, POOLE

The Acorn is a large destination family focussed pub with extensive outside grounds. Earlier in 2015 the Estates team took on an external decoration, lights and signage scheme to improve the look of the pub, as well as providing new fencing and an enclosed children's play area.

The difference in the look of the pub is fantastic. The overall first impression is that of a well cared for pub with a safe environment for families to drink & dine. Take a look at our photos to see the difference.





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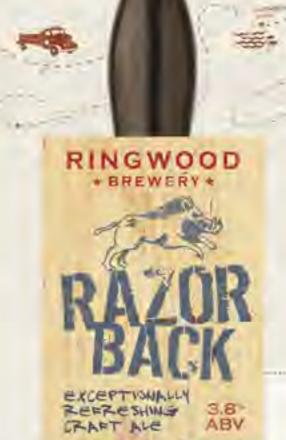






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