

All change at the Black Lion

Ask any boater about the Caldon Canal and they're sure to mention the Black Lion at Consall Forge but they may not be too complimentary, as the pub has had a rather checkered history as regards its welcome to drinkers.

However, all that has changed since Dean Pearsall took over the Black Lion last year and he, and manager Jason, are taking huge steps to make it a "must visit" pub.

In a short time they've installed free Wi-Fi for customers, created a brand new children's play area and introduced a grocery shop facility for boaters. What's more in February this year they held their first Winter Beer Festival which was a great success with over fourteen beers on offer. Some of the ales were delivered by rail, courtesy of the nearby Churnet Valley Railway which also brought many drinkers to the event.

And throughout the year there will be a Pie and Pud Night on alternate Tuesdays with acoustic music starting at 9pm - all musicians are welcome to take part.

Step inside the Black Lion now and you'll find a friendly welcome and a cosy atmosphere where you can enjoy real ales and good food. Jason is maintaining a great choice of ever-changing real ales, and beers from the nearby Peakstones Rock Brewery are always available together with a choice of traditional cider.

The Black Lion's menu also offers a fine choice of good-value meals to suit all tastes with grills, sizzlers, traditional pub grub and daily specials. The Black Lion Mixed Grill is suitable for those with a hearty appetite or you can enjoy a steak, fish and chips, ham and eggs, a lamb shank, the pie of the day and many other dishes. If you've still got room for a dessert then how about a good old-fashioned pudding such as Jam Sponge, Treacle Sponge or Spotted Dick?

You'll also find vegetarian options and a children's menu that includes a pasta dish, meatballs, and macaroni cheese or, if you are looking for something lighter, there are tasty baguettes and sandwiches on offer.

There's a special offer on Friday evenings too when, between 6pm and 8.30pm, you can enjoy two sirloin steaks and two desserts for just £19.95 and, if a party of four people or more each order a steak meal, they'll get a free bottle of house wine.

Sunday lunch, with a traditional roast, has become very popular so it's advisable to book in advance.

If you've never visited the Black Lion before then you're in for a treat - if you were there in "the bad old days" you'll be delighted with the change.



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Set in the hills of the Churnet Valley overlooking the Caldon Canal and the Churnet Valley Railway, the Black Lion has a special welcome for boaters with plenty of moorings nearby and free WiFi for customers.



Grocery shop for your essential provisions - email or call us 01782 550294 before 12pm on the evening before you get here and we will have your shopping waiting for you, by no later than 11am

Children's Play Area

We've a great choice of real ales and pride ourselves in using the finest ingredients, locally sourced whenever possible, to produce great meals served by friendly staff with a passion for food.

Call in soon.....

Friday Night Special -
2 steak, 2 Desserts £19.95
6pm - 8.30pm



Open
Noon - 11pm Mon - Fri
11am - 11pm Sat
11am-10.30 Sun
Food served
from opening time till late

Pud & Pie Night
alternate Tuesdays
Home made pie and a dessert
£7.95