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The Pig & Fiddle



A review

by

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Many years ago I was employed as a barman in the centre of Bristol. The pub was vast and a focal point for the jeering chavs and honking oiks of the city. Other than the occasional theatre-goer beating a hasty retreat within seconds of entry, it was primarily frequented by loud, vulgar and crass individuals with all the charm of asbestos, many regularly guzzling alcopops and lager and going all out to explode their own kidneys. Food was almost always served in baskets with chips, and the Old Bill would often be stationed outside in eager anticipation of the booze-fuelled idiots fighting within being dragged out to them by the doormen. *The Pig & Fiddle* in Bath is nothing like this. It has never been so, and I hope - saluting a magpie of a morn and wielding a cat around my head at midnight while barking like a sea lion at the moon - it never will be.

Anyway...

In a pseudo-descriptive kind of way, I think of *The Pig & Fiddle* as a really good old friend; the type of friend you can see every day for a coffee and a quick chat, or not see for ages and pick-up immediately where you left off. It won't judge you or laugh about you behind your back, and it will always share its pork scratchings and its crisps.

It's a friendly, welcoming place with a clientele evidently absent of jeering chavs. Sure, you'll observe the occasional boisterous oik, particularly when football oozes out of the large-screen TVs. But proper people don't have to get involved, often preferring to enjoy the vastness of the beer garden (nay patio, nay outdoor bit) as the afternoon sun bathes us in a warm puddle of pleasantness, keeping us toasty on a chilly evening with patio heaters the size of a giant horse.

The Pig offers food so fairly priced that on occasion you could be forgiven for thinking that you've received too much change. It is not flash - does not describe a cheeseburger as 'drizzled' with ketchup or offer anything with a whatever-berry coulis - but it is way beyond good. Locally-sourced and prepared by chefs too relaxed and professional to hurl insults and pans at kitchen porters, you won't find a bowl of organic fair-trade grass on the menu for thirty quid - although if you enjoyed the TV show 'Skippy' as a kid (about a kangaroo), you can eat bits of his relatives shoved inside a bun with some cheese and a side order of chips. Bonzer!

For those preferring to ingest an alternative to animal-based bellycheer however, *The Pig* serves green stuff too. And the odd carrot.

There's occasional live music, and a table-football... table as well. Blend it in with decor as interesting as a

book, with the good food and the generally exceptional service you'll conclude the same as I: that the *Pig & Fiddle* is one of the city's truly outstanding establishments.





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