



Welcome to the First Ever Goldies Gazette

There are pubs... and then there are pubs with stories in the walls.

Some pubs sell drinks.

Some pubs host music.

And some pubs quietly sit on High East Street for several centuries accumulating stories, characters, rumours, memories, and possibly the occasional ghost.

Welcome to the very first edition of **The Goldies Gazette** — your monthly collection of live music, upcoming events, pub life, local history, customer highlights, and the ongoing mystery of exactly what this building has been doing since the seventeenth century.

Because as it turns out, Goldies may be one of the oldest and most interesting surviving pub buildings in Dorchester. And frankly, the place has seen things.

More on that shortly...

For now, grab a drink, settle into your favourite chair, and catch up on what's happening at Goldies this month.

WHAT'S ON AT GOLDIES

What's happening at **GOLDIES** in May

SATURDAY
16

THE RETURN OF
BIG JOHN
★ FOR A NIGHT OF ★
ABSOLUTE KARAOKE



SATURDAY
23

Live music
WITH THE AMAZING
SHANNON WHITE



SATURDAY
30

UEFA
CHAMPIONS
LEAGUE
FINAL
FEATURING
ARSENAL VS **PSG**
LIVE FROM 5PM



SUNDAY
31

LUNCHTIME
**PUB
QUIZ**
STARTING 12.30PM

FOLLOWED BY OUR REGULAR,
MONTHLY
ACOUSTIC JAM
HOSTED BY JONO
FROM 4PM



Put the dates in your diaries &
**JOIN US TO SHARE GREAT TIMES
IN GREAT COMPANY!**



WHAT'S ON AT GOLDIES

Saturday 16th May

BIG JOHN & THE ABSOLUTE KARAOKE TEAM

Are you the next Jai McDowall? Susan Boyle? Or simply somebody brave enough to attempt Bon Jovi after three pints?

Either way, Big John and the Absolute Karaoke Team return to Goldies for another night of fun, music, crowd favourites, emotional commitment, and at least one rendition of *Sweet Caroline* audible from several postcodes away.

Starts from 8pm.

Bring lungs.



Saturday 23rd May

LIVE MUSIC — SHANNON WHITE

One of the standout nights of the month.

Shannon White brings her energetic blend of folk, punk, and singer-songwriter music to Goldies for an evening of live performance featuring original material alongside dynamic covers from the '70s, '80s and 2000s.

Independent live music and proper pub atmosphere remain one of Goldies' great strengths, and this promises to be one of those nights where nobody intends to stay late... and everybody does.



What Else Is Happening?

Saturday 30th May

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

Arsenal vs PSG.

Football. Noise. Tactical opinions from people holding lager. VAR outrage. Sudden optimism. Sudden despair.

Join us from 5pm for all the drama live at Goldies.

Sunday 31st May

PUB QUIZ & MONTHLY ACOUSTIC JAM

A perfect Goldies Sunday.

The lunchtime quiz begins at 12.30pm before our regular monthly acoustic jam hosted by Jono from 4pm.

Players, singers, musicians and spectators all welcome.

Bring an instrument.

Or simply bring applause.

Overheard at Goldies

“I’m only staying for one.” (A statement now officially classified as fiction)

“Karaoke is basically confidence mixed with lager.” (Medical science has yet to disagree)

“I think this pub might actually be older than America.” (Entirely possible)

THE LONG AND CURIOUS HISTORY OF GOLDIES

If you have ever walked into Goldies and felt that the building itself seemed slightly unusual, you were probably right.

Recent research has uncovered a fascinating history stretching back several centuries. Before it became Goldies, the pub was known as the **Borough Arms**, and Historic England officially lists the structure as dating from the seventeenth century — or possibly earlier.

That means parts of this building may predate much of modern Dorchester itself.

The pub stands beside All Saints Church and close to the historic King's Arms Hotel on High East Street, once one of the busiest coaching routes through Dorset.

According to local recollections and research carried out by a former landlady during the 1990s, horse-drawn carriages may once have passed directly through part of the building into a rear yard. The unusually long and narrow layout of Goldies today may actually be the surviving footprint of an old coaching passage.



And then the story becomes even stranger.

One persistent local rumour suggests the building may once have been used to temporarily hold bodies awaiting burial at All Saints Church. While no surviving document has yet confirmed this conclusively, historians agree the idea is entirely plausible for a building in this location during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

So the next time you are standing at the bar in Goldies, remember:

you may well be drinking inside a surviving fragment of old Dorchester.

And possibly one with ghosts.

CUSTOMER HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY NIGHT LEGENDS

A cheerful gathering of Goldies locals enjoyed another lively Saturday evening recently beneath the famously low beams of the pub.

Atmosphere: excellent.

Conversation: loud.

Photographic coordination: ambitious.

The only unresolved mystery remains what exactly everyone was pointing at.

Current theories range from:

- karaoke enthusiasm,
- somebody dropping a pint,
- or the sudden appearance of a seventeenth-century coaching ghost.

Investigations continue.



THE CURRY-HUNTING EXPEDITION



Meanwhile, another brave group of explorers stopped by Goldies before launching a tactical assault on Dorchester's curry scene.

Several pints were consumed in preparation.

At least one member of the group appeared deeply suspicious of the camera.

Another seemed fully committed to becoming part of the furniture.

As always, Goldies provided the ideal staging point for a successful evening of organised chaos.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next month in The Goldies Gazette:

- more live music announcements,
- customer highlights,
- football nights,
- pub stories,
- and more discoveries from the Borough Arms years.

There is also growing interest in investigating whether any original coaching-yard features still survive within the building itself.

Which sounds exactly like the sort of thing that begins as local history research and ends with somebody discovering a hidden tunnel behind the optics.

UNTIL NEXT TIME...

Goldies has stood on High East Street through coaching traffic, rebuilding, changing times, football finals, live music nights, pub quizzes, and countless conversations stretching back centuries.

Long may it continue.

See you at the bar.