



Welcome to the June edition of The Goldies Gazette

Welcome to the June edition of The Goldies Gazette — your monthly round-up of pub life, upcoming events, local history, customer highlights, live entertainment, and everything else that makes this little corner of High East Street such a special place to spend an evening.

Of course, while Goldies is very much a pub for the present day, it also carries an extraordinary past. Behind the music, the laughter, and the clink of glasses lies a building that may have been welcoming travellers for centuries. Long before quiz nights and football screenings, horse-drawn carriages rolled through the yard behind the pub, travellers rested nearby, and generations of Dorchester residents passed through the same doorway that welcomes customers today.

A lot can happen in a few hundred years.

And if these old walls could talk, they would probably need a very large drink before they started telling us everything they know. More on that shortly...

WHAT'S ON AT GOLDIES

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT **GOLDIES** *in June:*



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| 13/6 | STEVE FRAPWELL LIVE
<i>- Melodies, loops & more</i> |  |
| 14/6 | PUB QUIZ - <i>Will your team be this month's winners? Starts 5pm</i> |  |
| 17/6 | ENGLAND v CROATIA
WORLD CUP KO 9PM |  |
| 20/6 | MATT TAYLOR LIVE
<i>- acoustic hits in his own, inimitable style</i> |  |
| 23/6 | ENGLAND v GHANA
WORLD CUP KO 9PM |  |
| 26/6 | ABSOLUTE KARAOKE
WITH BIG JOHN |  |
| 27/6 | ENGLAND v PANAMA
WORLD CUP KO 10PM |  |

Come & join us to share
GREAT TIMES IN GREAT COMPANY!

WHAT'S ON AT GOLDIES - MUSIC

Saturday 13th June

LIVE MUSIC

STEVE FRAPWELL

With a sound reminiscent of Anthony & the Johnsons, Steve offers an eclectic mix of covers and original tunes in his live acoustic set.

From Metallica's 'Nothing Else Matters' to Redemption Song by Bob Marley & The Wailers, expect the unexpected, particularly when he starts building loops...



Saturday 20th June

LIVE MUSIC — MATT TAYLOR

Matt is a local musician who has performed across the country and is looking forward to playing in Dorchester once again.

As guitarist and singer of That Britpop Band, Matt has shared stages with artists including Billy Bragg, The View, Babyshambles and Chesney Hawkes, to name but a few. His solo set features stripped-back acoustic versions of classics from The Beatles, The Kinks and The Hollies, alongside modern favourites from Sam Fender and Bastille.



WHAT'S ON AT GOLDIES



Goldies
★ MONTHLY ★
PUB QUIZ
IS BACK!

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE
★ AT 5PM ★

 MAXIMUM OF 4 MEMBERS PER TEAM	 £1 ENTRY PER PERSON	 POT GOES TO THE WINNING TEAM
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★ ROUNDS INCLUDE: ★

 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	 ENTERTAINMENT	 POP MUSIC	 TRUE OR FALSE	 AND THE EVER-POPULAR ROGUES GALLERY
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★ THE FUN STARTS AT 5PM SO GET HERE EARLY TO GRAB YOUR TABLE. ★

Goldies – GOOD TIMES IN GOOD COMPANY!

What Else Is Happening?

Wednesday 17th June

ENGLAND vs. CROATIA

The footballing summer rolls on at Goldies as England take on Croatia in what promises to be one of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures of the tournament. Encounters between these two nations have produced plenty of drama over the years, and with vital group-stage points at stake, neither side will be giving an inch.

Whether you're convinced England are finally bringing it home, or you've spent the last three weeks perfecting your armchair-manager tactics, Goldies is the perfect place to watch the action unfold. Expect a lively atmosphere, plenty of football debate, and the occasional expert opinion from someone who was criticising the manager before kick-off and praising him at full-time.

Friday 26th 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.

Another Curious Corner of Goldies History

One of the pleasures of digging into Goldies' past is discovering that every answer seems to produce two new questions.

For centuries, High East Street was one of the principal routes into Dorchester. Long before motor cars, buses and delivery vans, this was a busy thoroughfare filled with travellers, merchants, livestock, stagecoaches and carts carrying goods through the county. Anyone journeying through Dorset would almost certainly have passed within a few yards of the spot where Goldies stands today.

Just down the road stood the King's Arms, one of Dorchester's most important coaching inns. Wealthier travellers could afford private rooms, meals and servants. Drivers, grooms and working men often had to make do with rather more modest accommodation. Local research carried out by a former Goldies landlady suggests that the building may once have been connected to this coaching trade, with access through to a rear yard where horses and vehicles could be managed.

The building itself offers tantalising clues. Anyone who has spent time inside Goldies will know that it is not laid out like a modern pub. The low beams, unusual proportions and long narrow footprint hint at earlier uses that have long since disappeared from living memory. Historic England records the building as dating from the seventeenth century, although some researchers believe elements may be older still.

Some stories remain tucked away in the beams, hidden beneath the floorboards, or lingering quietly in the corners while life carries on around them.

The pints may change. The music certainly changes. The faces behind the bar come and go.

But the building keeps its secrets.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Music Corner – Another Wonderful Month at Goldies



The music scene at Goldies continues to go from strength to strength, and May proved to be another fantastic month for live entertainment.

Shannon White brought her distinctive blend of folk, punk and classic rock influences to a packed pub, delivering an energetic and engaging set that had the room captivated from the first song to the last. Whether performing her own material or putting her own spin on well-loved favourites, Shannon's performance was a reminder of why live music remains such an important part of what makes Goldies special.

The month's musical celebrations concluded with our regular Acoustic Jam, expertly hosted by Jono. Five talented musicians took part this time, sharing songs, swapping stories and creating exactly the kind of relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that has made the jam such a popular fixture on the Goldies calendar. With seats occupied and a full pub of appreciative punters ready to applaud each performance, the afternoon perfectly captured the community spirit that lies at the heart of Goldies.

COMMUNITY CORNER

A Big Thank You from Help for Heroes

One of the things that makes Goldies special is the willingness of our customers to support good causes, and we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent St George's Day fundraising event.

We were delighted to receive a letter of thanks from Help for Heroes, expressing their appreciation for the money raised and the support shown by the Goldies community. Every pound donated helps provide vital support to veterans and their families, and we are incredibly proud of what was achieved together.

Fundraising events like these remind us that a local pub can be much more than a place to enjoy a drink. They bring people together, strengthen community ties and help make a real difference beyond our own four walls.

To everyone who donated, bought raffle tickets, attended the event or helped behind the scenes — thank you. You should be proud of yourselves.

Calling All Darts Players!

We've had a few conversations at the bar recently that have all revolved around the same question:

Could Goldies support a darts team?

Well, we're about to find out.

CALLING ALL DARTS PLAYERS!

NEW TEAM
NEW SEASON
NEW CHALLENGE
YOU IN?

COULD YOU BE PART OF GOLDIES' DARTS TEAM?

We're looking to gauge interest in entering at least one Goldies darts team into the **DORCHESTER DARTS LEAGUE.**

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
From seasoned pros to friendly amateurs!

GREAT NIGHTS OUT
Good darts, good company, good times!

REPRESENT GOLDIES
Let's put Goldies on the league map!

INTERESTED? ★
HAVE A WORD WITH THE BAR STAFF
OR LEAVE YOUR NAME & CONTACT DETAILS BEHIND THE BAR

Let's hit the bullseye together!

GOLDIES
PUB • LIVE MUSIC • GOOD TIMES
36 HIGH EAST STREET
DORCHESTER

We're looking to gauge interest in entering at least one Goldies darts team into the Dorchester Darts League. Whether you're an experienced player who can hit a treble twenty with your eyes closed, or somebody who simply enjoys a friendly game and a laugh with friends, we'd love to hear from you.

At this stage, we're simply seeing who's interested. If enough players come forward, we'll arrange a get-together, discuss league nights and see whether we can get a Goldies team flying the flag in local competition.

If you'd like to be involved, please have a word with the bar staff or leave your name and contact details behind the bar.

Who knows? The next darts champion of Dorchester may already be enjoying a pint at Goldies.

Game on!

UNTIL NEXT TIME...

Goldies has never been a pub that sits still for very long.

Over the past month alone it has hosted live music, acoustic jam sessions, charity fundraising, quiz nights, football discussions, celebrations, reunions, first-time visitors, regular faces, and the countless conversations that make a local pub far more than simply a place to buy a drink.

As summer gathers pace, there is plenty more to look forward to. The live music calendar continues to grow, the quiz nights remain as competitive as ever, England's World Cup campaign is just getting underway, and we may even be taking the first steps towards establishing a Goldies darts team. In short, there is always something happening.

Yet for all the new stories being created, Goldies remains connected to the many generations who passed through these doors before us. Long before televised football, live

sound systems, and weekly quizzes, people gathered here for exactly the same reason they do today — good company, good conversation, and a welcoming place at the heart of the community.

After all, this building has stood on High East Street through coaching traffic, changing fashions, changing centuries, wars, celebrations, hard times, good times, and more than a few colourful characters.

Long may it continue.

Thank you for being part of the story.

See you at the bar.

— *The Goldies Team*