

GASTRO- EXCELLENCE BY THE RIVER BRENT

We catch up with Joanne Scully from The Weir Gastropub in Brentford...

What was the reason behind the recent refit at The Weir?

The Weir site at Market Place, originally named The White Horse, is the oldest surviving licenced premises in Brentford, dating back to 1604. Our recent refurbishment gave this beautiful old building, and its original features, the love and care it deserved, whilst updating the decor and furnishings to add more ambience, style and most importantly comfort, in keeping with the old building.

How would you describe the atmosphere of The Weir?

Having the different areas allows us to have different atmospheres all under one roof. Our customers can enjoy the ambience and professional, friendly service in the à la carte waterside restaurant, get dressed up for cocktails in our new cocktail bar, or just relax in the main bar with a newspaper and pint or a frothy cappuccino. In the summer, our riverside garden is the perfect place to chillout, we have also created a private river lounge for more formal 'al fresco' entertaining. Whatever mood you are in, you can find the perfect spot with friends, family or colleagues. We pride ourselves on our attentive service whether a romantic dinner for two or a large group booking for private or corporate entertaining. I am delighted with my entire team here at The Weir, they are a really hard-working group of great personalities, their attention to detail and friendly approach really makes The Weir a perfect place to unwind.

Tell us about some of the products that you have at the Weir? Which products are you most excited by?

We are particularly proud of our fine whiskeys and we encourage patrons to raid our exceptional wine cellar with nearly 50 amazing bottles to choose from. We serve award-winning craft beers, including 1936 Bière, brewed by the Locher family at the foot of the Swiss Alps using only the purest water, hops and golden barley grown at high altitude on the mountains - a beer totally free from artificial preservatives or additives - it's pretty special!

“Our chef, Srdjan Kovijanic, worked in London for 30 years in some impressive kitchens including The Ritz, Quaglinos and Langhan. We love him so much we have kept him captive at The Weir now for over 8 years.”

Srdjan is passionate about creating the most exceptional seasonal menus and sourcing the best market produce, as result we immensely proud of our food. We are renowned for our steaks, using only the very finest Scottish cattle, dry-aged for a minimum of 28 days and cooked on our charcoal grill. Our much loved 500g Chateaubriand sharing steak is certainly a favourite amongst our regulars! Our homemade chicken with mushroom, leek & tarragon pie with creamy mash is amazing, if I do say so myself! Our homemade burgers with hand-cut chips and London Pride Beer Batter Cod are a firm favourite too. Our Sunday lunches are hugely popular! We are known for our Irish rock Oysters served on crushed ice. Whilst a mug of stout or a glass of champagne is great, it is our Absinthe and oysters that really make a perfect match, if you are feeling adventurous!



Tell us about your recently launched new cocktail bar...

Our new cocktail bar opened on 30th October. Shrub & Shutter consultant mixologists worked with The Weir General Manager, Perry Bispham, to create a stunning range of unique cocktails with the finest premium spirits and fresh ingredients.

“Our amazing Hot Buttered Rum is just so good we decided to keep it on the cocktail menu all year round, not just for Christmas...”

...once you've tried it, you'll never have mulled wine again! We are very excited to soon be adding our 'food matching cocktail tapas', perfectly pairing cocktails to little mouthfuls of joy. Every day we have Cocktail Happy Hour between 6pm and 7pm, with two scrumptious cocktails for the price of one, it's a perfect time to treat a friend or loved one... (or sneak two yourself!).

What's going on this Christmas and New Year's Eve at The Weir this year?

We are the place to be for Christmas this year, we have a super festive Christmas menu and Christmas Tapas for private and corporate parties. Full Christmas menus and a booking pack is available for download on our website. We are taking Christmas bookings from 13th November to 24th December and advise people to book soon to avoid disappointment. New Year's Eve is always a magical night here.

“Our huge fireworks display is spectacular viewed from our riverside garden with a glass of Champagne.”

Its an amazing place to be when the clock strikes midnight!

You seem very much part Brentford community, can you tell us a little more about your involvement locally?

I have lived in Brentford for over 13 years from when I opened The Weir. I have a strong connection to the area and always wanted to make a difference for everyone living here.

“I am incredibly proud of our local community and The Weir is the perfect place for us all to get together.”

I am a trustee of a local charity, Brentford High Street Steering Group, which organises key community events during the year. We recently celebrated our second birthday running Brentford Market every Sunday from 10am-2pm in the Square supporting smaller independent traders. Two of our traders have been able to open their own shops in Brentford this year, which is very rewarding to see.



The Weir is open 7 days a week for amazing gastropub food, cocktails and celebrations.

Monday: 5pm - Midnight (Food 6 - 10pm), Tuesday to Sunday: Midday - Midnight (Food 12-3pm & 6-10pm)

**Christmas Parties: 13th November - 24th December
Cocktail Happy Hour: Every day 6pm-7pm
New Year's Eve: 31st December**

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THE Weir
the taste of christmas

Snack, dine or indulge yourself on seasonal menus, created with the finest quality fresh market produce.

Unwind with a dazzling selection of European beers and ales. Let our mixologists entice you with delicious Christmas cocktails. Drink our hot buttered rum or raid our exceptional wine cellar.

Relax, warm and cosy throughout the bar and dining areas by roasting fireplaces with riverside views.

Share celebrations with family, friends and colleagues enjoying private feasts and parties with our professional Christmas events planning service.

Smile as you enjoy the ambience and our attentive, friendly service. Listen to festive cheer and laughter. Join us at The Weir this Christmas...

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