

Press Release

## **Harris Inns announces Christmas Menus**

### **Ightham's George & Dragon and Hadlow's Harrow**

The George & Dragon at Ightham near Sevenoaks is now taking bookings for Christmas parties. The classic village pub dates back to c1515 with oak beams and open log makes an ideal location for a traditional Christmas celebration.

The pub's Executive Head Chef, Simon Brazier, who sources as much of his ingredients locally, has created a menu with a choice of four dishes for each both starters and main courses plus five desserts. In addition to traditional turkey and prawn cocktail, options include 'Duck Liver Pate With Orange, Chestnut And Shallot Chutney And Toasted Brioche' and 'Herb Crusted Loin of Pork With Apricot, Chestnut And Thyme Stuffing served on a Spring Onion & Smoked Cheddar Mash With A Calvados Jus', which befit the George & Dragon's reputation for offering some of Kent's finest gastro dining. There are also fish and vegetarian dishes. Apart from Christmas pud and mince pies there is a 'Winterberry And White Chocolate Cheese Cake With Ice Cream' or 'Ruby Coulis or Profiteroles With A Hot Chocolate And Cointreau Sauce.'

There is a choice of dining areas, with seating for 60 in the restaurant and a further 25 in the bar. The upstairs private function room, complete with its own bar caters for 40 diners or a buffet reception for up to 60 guests. For smokers, there is a large pub garden and diners may leave their vehicles over night in the private car park.

The Christmas Menu costing £18.50 for two courses and £23.95 for three, will be served from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (excluding Sundays). All meals must be ordered in advance and deposit of £10 a head is required.

**Editors' Notes:** Menus and photos available

**Harris Inns** Fiona and Mark Harris acquired the Shepherd Neame tenancy of The George & Dragon in Ightham in March 2006. They took over the tenancy of The Harrow in Hadlow in September 2008. A la carte, bar and kids' menus. Food served Mon – Sat 12-3pm 6 - 9pm, Sunday 12.00 - 4.00pm

**George & Dragon** Located on the A227 Borough Green to Tonbridge road, this beautiful old English country pub is said to have been the home of the Earl of Stafford and to have been visited by Queen Elizabeth I. The Gunpowder Plot was hatched next door in the town house and it is reputed that the Duke of Northumberland was imprisoned in the old restaurant.

The George & Dragon is an early front-runner in the 'Best Gastro Pub' category of the 'Kent Restaurant Awards', where customers can vote online for their favourite dining establishment at [www.KentRestaurantAwards.co.uk](http://www.KentRestaurantAwards.co.uk)

**The Harrow** with its spacious, mature garden, complete with discrete children's play area and Pétanque pit is a family-orientated food-led pub offering Diners can also eat in the airy conservatory, cosy 'Nook' or patio areas. Disabled facilities and private parking

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