

House Rules

The Staff at your local will try and ensure that your visit is pleasant and enjoyable. However, if you wish to be greeted with a warm welcome on your second visit, the following advice may be of some use:

1. When the front door is locked and a sign hanging on it says 'closed', please do not ring the doorbell and ask if we are open.
2. Questions like :
 - a. "Is the garden outside?"
 - b. "Do you have a toilet?"
 - c. "What is in the ham sandwich?" may cause annoyance.
3. Female customers whose first language is English, are allowed to talk to the bar staff directly. The use of a male interpreter being totally unnecessary.
4. If your first question is "Can I be difficult?" the answer will be no.
5. If you are clutching a large piece of laminated card which lists a variety of meals with prices alongside them, the question "Is this the menu" will probably elicit a sarcastic response such as "No, it is the Rochdale telephone directory!"
6. When you have just walked through the front door, please do not enquire what the weather is like in the garden.
7. You may think children are cherubs, but we think that they belong to the junior Bader Meinhof gang and are using our premises as an assault course in preparation for an attempt on World Domination. Please keep them under control.
8. Husbands and wives do not hold hands and grope each other in public. People having a bit on the side do. It is obvious, embarrassing and silly. Please control your hormones.
9. This may come as a surprise to you, but your fellow diners do not want to know about your colostomy.
10. The waiter or waitress will incur less serious burns to her hands if you can remember what you ordered 20 minutes earlier.
11. Your waiter or waitress would be extremely grateful if you would remove from the table area immediately in front of you, your hands, mobile phone, filofax, handbag, dog lead and the dripmat you have studiously been mutilating for 10 minutes. See rule 10 ref burns.
12. When Asked "How would you like your steak cooked?" To reply "In a frying pan" is no longer regarded as funny, witty or appropriate.
13. The same applies to the people who wave empty glasses around enquiring "Can you get another half in here?" Our house response is now "No, not while it is moving"
14. Our experienced head Chef has devised a new concept called "The Menu". Everything they cook is on "The Menu" Everything they do not cook is not on "The Menu". You may find it useful to take a look at the menu before ordering.
15. In a similar vein, the question "Can I see a menu" is met with a cordial response and action, however, the question "What have you got to eat?" is now becoming tiresome. See rule 14.
16. We want you to enjoy yourselves whilst you are with us, so sit on a table that you feel comfortable on. We will note which table number you are at when you order your meals so that a waiter can find you. However, please do not wait until a few minutes before your meal is served and move quietly to the other end of the room while the bar staff are otherwise engaged. See rule 10 ref burns.