



Feel Right at Home at... British Open Pub

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Craving some authentic English fare? No need to book a flight “across the pond”—the British Open Pub is a neighborhood gem that continues to grow in popularity for its satisfying, savory cuisine.

Established in 1998, the restaurant is currently co-owned and operated by Sarasota native Kelly Olliver, who purchased the tavern with her parents in 2007. The three had been frequent customers for years. “We loved it so much that when we learned the business was for sale, we bought it,” Kelly recalls.

In March 2015, the pub relocated to the Jacaranda Commons Shopping Center by the Venice Avenue roundabout. “The move allowed us to expand in a number of ways,” Kelly explains. “We added a large party dining room, covered outdoor seating, and a bigger, full-service bar, which continues to offer one of the area’s largest selections of Import & Craft beers and whiskey from across the globe.” Explore over 250 quality whiskeys from America, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, and Germany with a convenient order of a whiskey flight or at the monthly whiskey club.

Traditionally, pubs have been inviting places to gather, chat, and enjoy spending time with people from the community, and the British Open strives to continue that age-old custom. “We seek to emulate the hospitality and character of an English village pub,” says Kelly, “where patrons are not just customers; they are very special guests and friends.” The restaurant’s warm tones and hearty, rustic finishes create a quaint, cozy ambiance, and its staff, which has grown to a team of over 50, is welcoming and knowledgeable. With the Pub’s new catering services, guests can now bring this hospitality home with food, drinks, and more available for any celebration or function.

Whether seated in the expansive dining room or on a stool at the bar, you’ll want to join in the light-hearted, competitive banter during the weekly Monday Night Team Trivia. Well-behaved four-legged friends are welcome daily and can meet up with their friends at the occasional Saturday afternoon “Yappy Hours.” Raise a glass and learn a little something at Whiskey Club on the second Wednesday every month. Patrons can also enjoy listening to the live bands performing on both Friday and Saturday nights.



Kelly’s outdoor “Parking Lot Parties,” complete with huge tents, great entertainment, and the Pub’s signature food and drinks, keep things lively throughout the year. Held this month, the annual St. Paddy’s Day bash, with its Irish dancing, lively Gaelic music, and menu featuring savory corned beef and cabbage, continues to grow larger each year. A brand new “No Foolin’” party will take place on April 1 and LocalsFest will return in November!

All of the fun and camaraderie are the perfect accompaniment to what Kelly describes as “quality comfort food for a fair price.” Fish and chips is the perennial favorite. The Olliver team has maintained the original British recipes, so both bangers and mash, plus scrumptious cottage pies are always available. In addition to introducing their own favorites as well, chef’s specials are featured on a rotating basis. “We prep all of the food ourselves,” she says, “so that everything is fresh.”

Whether you stop in to enjoy a brew or to dine on some savory fare, visit the British Open Pub, and you’re sure to find something that deliciously strikes your fancy!

For more information about this advertorial, log on to BritishOpenPub.com or call 941.492.9227. Located at 367 Jacaranda Boulevard., British Open Pub is open 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Sun.–Wed.; 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Thurs., and 11 a.m.–midnight Fri.–Sat.