

If there was ever a year for a community pub it is this one.

As such, we have carefully prepared our roadmap for re-opening, as aligned with the Government guidelines, to restore the Packhorse to it's full glory.

There has also never been a more important time to show your support for such social amenities.

The British pub industry is on its metaphorical knees now. So many more pubs – with all their heritage and history – face potential closure now and so many communities are exploring how they can save such cherished locations as we successfully did. In this vein, we really ask that all our shareholders and friends recognise how critical your support and patronage is going to be over these coming weeks and months. Not only will it help our venture survive and thrive but, as importantly, it will allow us to further champion the message that this community-owned model can be the very viable future for so many other communities also.

We also can't tell you how important is for our staff that when they return to work, they return to see a busy garden and, eventually, a thriving pub.

With that heartfelt plea, below is what we have all to look forward to!

So mark your diaries, print off the roadmap for your fridge door, message your friends, make your bookings and we will see you there!

MON 12 APRIL | "WE ARE BACK!" | OUTDOOR OPENING



As of Monday 12 April, we will be be open for seven days a week!

Timings will be: weekdays (12pm-8pm; kitchen 12pm-2.30pm and 6pm-8pm); Saturday (12pm-10pm; kitchen 12pm-2.30pm and 6pm-8pm) and Sunday (12pm-6pm; kitchen 12pm-5pm).

Expect to see a beautiful new pergola in place at the top garden section for covered tables also.

Bookings are now being taken for garden tables – via bookings app and info@packhorsebath.co.uk

We just ask that bookings are for food also (and not just a "bowl of chips" please) – other tables can be used on a walk-in basis (as room allows).

This initial period will, of course, be strongly dependent on the weather. If the weather is looking foul, we will have to stay very flexible here i.e. there may well be circumstances where we are best to close (to avoid a full team manning an empty garden in downpour!) so please do check the website and social media channels on the morning of any such dubious days.

SHAREHOLDER LOYALTY CARD SCHEME

To celebrate the pub reopening, we also plan to launch our new shareholder card scheme. Each shareholder has a dedicated card awaiting for them to collect at the pub. Initially, you can use this pub to tap in your visit to the pub and each visit adds to your Packhorse points. With certain amount of points, you can start redeeming points for free drinks, meals etc (full details will be communicated separately) as well as entering regular prize draws. For all shareholders, please just ask for your card on your first visit back.



SMALL "THANK YOU" GESTURE

As a small gesture, for the weeks until May pub opening, we will be running a donations into an "NHS pot" scheme – all NHS workers (on production of ID) can draw down on this pot (NHS worker plus one) until such donations exhausted.

This will be a physical pot at the pub (we will update here also with online version).

Of course, we would love to do this for all "Essential workers" it's just that this the easiest/simplest format to administer as a simple "thank you" gesture.

SUNDAY 02 MAY | LIVE MUSIC



Garden open 12pm-6pm (Kitchen 12pm-5pm)

Live Music from 3pm with the talented Jess Chivers

Bookings being taken for garden tables – via bookings app and info@packhorsebath.couk

MONDAY 03 MAY | BANK HOLIDAY



Open 12pm-6pm (Kitchen 12pm-5pm)

Bookings being taken for garden tables – via bookings app and info@packhorsebath.co.uk

MONDAY 17 MAY | PUB OPENING!



A long, long awaited day.

Timings will be: Monday-Saturday (12pm-10pm; kitchen 12pm-2.30pm and 6pm-9pm); Sunday (12pm-6pm; kitchen 12pm-5pm).

CHARITY AUCTION FOR THE FIRST PINT PULLED

We plan to hold a charity auction for the "First pint poured" (with all proceeds split between Dorothy House and The Mountain Way)

Garden tables no longer bookable from this point – first come, first served.

Bookings will be taken for food tables – via bookings app and info@packhorsebath.co.uk



The musicians and sun all booked!

WEAR YOUR PACKHORSE T!

For everyone wearing a Packhorse T-shirt on this day – first free drink on us!

You can order your Packhorse T-Shirts now > https://the-packhorse-community-pub.mytoggle.io/

Note: we will shout a few other days spontaneously in the season where "Packhorse T equals free drink for me!"



MONDAY 31 MAY | PACKSTOCK RECOVERY



With the sun still shining, this a well-earned slow recovery day (of sorts).

Open 12pm-6pm (Kitchen 12pm-5pm)

SATURDAY 21 JUNE | ALL LIMITS LIFTED



All limits on social contact lifted!

SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY 27 JUNE | END OF LOCKDOWN PARTY | "A YEAR IN A WEEKEND"



We are going to have a lot of fun with this weekend!

We are going to attempt to celebrate the missed year of community/social events in one weekend. With the rough outline of months to hours below, we are going to march through the year not fully celebrated and shared together.

Think costume changes (everyone!), themed drinks, appropriate music and general related nonsense and shenanigans.

Saturday: "May to October"

Get ready for ...

May - VE Day

June - Wimbledon

July – Henley Regatta

August – Summer Holidays

September – Back to School

October – Halloween

Sunday: "November to April"

- We will be celebrating ...
- November Guy Fawkes Night
- December Christmas
- January Burns Night
- February Valentines
- March Bath Half and the Six Nations (James in full Welsh strip?)
- April St George's Day

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST | END OF SUMMER CHILL



Again, full sun booked and – for sure – we will have all earned it!

Summer garden party with live music

FROM SEPTEMBER | LIVE MUSIC ON FIRST FRIDAYS



To ease back into the swing of those autumnal evenings.

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So there you have it – the Packhorse 2021 Roadmap.

Please help share the message.

We can't wait to see you all again for these happy days ahead.