



BISTRO

The French Connection

BAR

## 'RAPPORTS'

Spring 2010

Fr.: 'un Rapport' - a connection or link

'Rapports' - our 'connection' to you, our customers

Welcome to the 39<sup>th</sup> edition of "Rapports"

**No you haven't missed an edition!** My fault entirely, we were busier than anticipated after Christmas and I am afraid this edition got put on the back burner.

Well, the Christmas season came and went as it does, very busy in the end although many bookings came in at the last minute and then we had to disappoint quite a few due to lack of space. New years Eve was great with lots of old friends, and new ones too, contributing to a fabulous time.

We had a special "Allo-Allo" evening in early December which was absolutely fantastic with lots of characters in costume. We also had two "original" paintings by Van Klomp, the Big Daisies and the Fallen Madonna (with the big boobies) that we auctioned and raised £120 to go to Mary Stevens Hospice. We have had lots of requests for a repeat evening so watch this space.

We had hoped that Jean Paul from the Bistrot des Armagnacs would be able to come for a week before Easter, but that too is on a back burner for the present, but we still hope he will visit a little later in the year.

Christopher is off to France after Easter, partly mixing concrete to go around the cottage, and partly to source much needed ingredients for the new menus that will be available later in the spring. He will also be visiting a good few restaurants and a vineyard or two to see what is available, hard and unpleasant work I know, but someone has to do it!

**New Menus** for the Spring are being developed, as are our events and outside catering menus and take out menus. All are being modernised for the eagerly anticipated spring ingredients. We can also provide full meals in your own dishes for dinner parties if required.

**Fixed Price Lunch** menu at £10.95 and the **Menu Rouge** at £14.95 remain. Lunch available each day and the **Menu Rouge** Wednesday to Friday evening unless there is a special event.

**Theme Evenings and Events.** We have some specials lined up for you during April and May, The first is **Good Friday Lunch** which has become a bit of an institution, 3 courses for £12.95 with an Easter theme. Then on Thursday April 15th we have a **Moules Frites, Steak Frites** evening followed by "**April in Paris**" on Friday 30th April when we shall have a menu drawn from Paris Restaurants with a Spring Theme. Then in May and into the early Summer we will have a "**South to Gascony**" then a **Biarritz Break, an Italian Evening, a Champagne Treat** and a "visit" to Panjas, hopefully with the assistance of Jean Paul with menus from the **Bistro des Armagnacs**, then of course there is the **Stourbridge Carnival** and **Bastille Day** in the

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd  
April

Good Friday Easter Theme  
Lunch. £12.95pp

Thursday 15th  
April

Moules Frites, Steak Frites

Friday 30th  
April

April in Paris. £21.95pp  
including arrival drink

Friday 21st  
May

South to Gascony. Three  
Courses, Coffee and  
Armagnac £21.95 pp

Thursday 10th  
June

Soiree Italienne. Includes  
wine between two £21.95

See Diary Sheet for More Detail

high Summer.

Further details and dates in the box on the front and on the enclosed diary sheet.

**Bistro Food at Home.** We have now extended our range so that not only can you order complete meals to eat at home but we have a selection of dishes from our a la carte menu ready prepared and freshly cooked to go in your fridge or freezer for those occasions when something other than an Indian or a Chinese appeals.

**French Bistro Catering Services** providing a service to private individuals for weddings, funerals and christenings and to local businesses for training days, sales meetings or even a working lunch etc. Everything from a platter of sandwiches to a full buffet to a banquet. All our filled baguettes and sandwiches have fillings made freshly on the premises, we bake our own baguettes and anything delivered more than 15 minutes from the restaurant is carried in insulated containers. Delivery is free within Stourbridge, and is free for orders over £25 within 5 miles. Outside these limits a delivery charge may apply.

**Just so you don't forget!** We have, after some years, managed to change our drinks licence so now we can do all the usual civilised French Bistro things that you would enjoy on the continent. Just drop in for a glass of wine, or a beer or have a cognac or Armagnac with your coffee. Stop by after work or pop in for a mid shopping pick me up. We can serve drinks from 10am until Midnight and there is always a selection of nibbles on hand too if you don't want to eat a full meal with us.

**Coeliac (Celiac) Disease.** Always a selection of gluten free dishes on our standard menus, a special breakfast menu and Wednesday menus will be almost exclusively gluten free. Plenty of choice.

**Loyalty Scheme.** Most of you know that we have a coffee club, which means that you get a free coffee or tea whenever you have purchased 10 items we also have a bistro club where you can earn wine to go with your meal by accumulating points on your card.

Due to many requests, we are going to be open earlier in the evening. So our revised opening hours are:

Daytimes Tuesday to Saturday 9:30am until 3:30pm

Evenings Wednesday to Saturday From 6:30pm

Closed for Easter Holidays, 5th, 6th, 7th April, reopen Thursday 8th April.

*Good Friday April 2nd.  
Easter Lunch of 3 Courses.*

*Lots of Choice.  
£12.95 per person.*

*Thursday 15th April  
Moules Frites, Steak Frites*

*Mussels and Steaks in a Variety of  
presentations, sauces and jus.  
Individually Priced.*

*Friday 30th April  
"April in Paris"*

*Three course candlelit dinner with an arrival  
kir included. Dishes from the menus of  
Parisian Restaurants.  
£21.95 per person*

*Friday 21st May  
South to Gascony*

*Three courses, coffee and Armagnac.  
Lots of choice. Dishes from restaurants from  
Bordeaux to Biarritz.  
£21.95 per person*

*Thursday 10th June  
Soiree Italienne*

*Always popular Italian evening with a range of dishes from Tuscany to the Toe. Includes a  
half litre of wine between two diners and lots of choice over three courses.*

*£21.95*

*Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.*

*Except for theme nights.*

*Menu Rouge £14.95*

*for*

*Three Courses and a glass of wine.*

*At least three choices of starters and main courses at this price.*

*Additional choices may be offered at small supplements.*

*We are told that this menu is better priced and much better value than  
anything else available in the area!*

*A la Carte menu also available.*

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