

Sir Walter Raleigh Pub report for Parish Council Meeting, 18 March 2024

So far, a very busy March and should continue to be so as Easter falls at the end of the month. This will greatly assist in improving the financial situation for the pub after a slow start in January and yet more expenses in maintaining a very old building and yet more equipment needing to be replaced.

56 people were fed on Mother's Day and a very successful St Patrick's celebration with live folk band on Friday 15th saw the pub packed all evening. It is hoped that Easter weekend will also be busy with the pub open for food throughout the festive period.

The online booking system is working well and customers are finding it easy to use. This is relieving the workload for the volunteers and staff with less phone calls and messages to deal with.

There is still a real concern on the workload on a small number of volunteers with a constant search for new blood to join the team. Without volunteers the pub would not be possible.

A reminder that Raleigh's Rest above the pub, is available for bookings through the year.

The pub is undeniably working as a very successful social hub for the village but does so through a huge amount of work done for the most part by a relatively small number of very devoted and hardworking volunteers!