

Romance rules as pub offers Sweetheart Supper

Enjoy a Valentines Sweetheart Supper with a difference at one of east Kent's most popular restaurants next month.

The Coach and Horses in Deal is described as a traditional and charming pub where all are welcome.

And staff are already working hard to ensure February 14 is a memorable day for its customers with a dining offer to tickle the

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taste buds of any steak fan with an enormous appetite.

Join the Coach and Horses from 6pm until 9pm for the Sweetheart Supper where diners can try the 32oz Steak Challenge.

The unusual dining offer enables hungry diners to earn 25 per cent off the price of their steak if they are able to finish the 32oz serving of meat.

While those not up to the mammoth meat mission can enjoy something from the vast selection of meals on both the specials or regular menu.

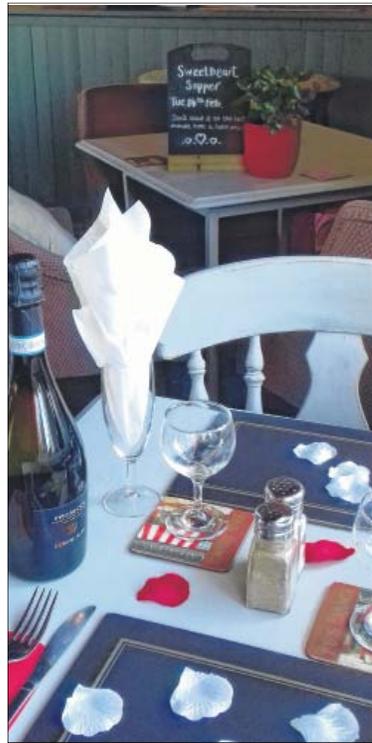
The Coach and Horses in Sandwich Road in Hacklinge has undergone some big transformations in recent months.

There is a new fresh layout and style to the restaurant after some refurbishment work inside and the pub now also welcomes dogs inside the bar area.

Staff also run an extremely busy programme of events from Curry and Quiz nights to folk nights and charity events.

The next Curry and Quiz night takes place on February 2, followed by Folk Night on the first and third Monday of each month while teams will be raising money for the Kent Air Ambulance on Monday, February 13, with a quiz night from 8pm and the next MNDA quiz takes place on Tuesday, February 28, at 8pm.

For information on any of these events, the Valentine's Day Supper or to make a booking please telephone 01304 617063 or visitcoachandhorsesdeal.co.uk



The Coach and Horses in Deal is offering a Sweetheart Supper

The COACH & HORSES



"a warm welcome for everyone every day"

The perfect venue to meet family, friends or business colleagues.

The Coach and Horses is a family friendly restaurant.

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Try our new homemade gourmet burger and chipotle sauce, or see our daily specials.



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MP's anger at TAP delay

AN MP is sharing motorists' frustration at a further delay in curbing the hated Dover TAP system.

Highways officials had promised that the permanent artificial low speed on the nearby A20 would end in March but this has been put back by another three months.

Dover's Charlie Elphicke said: "Last autumn, Highways England said they would have this absurd speed limit gone by March. Now they say it won't be gone until June."

"Yet again they show they are not fit for purpose and have failed to get on with the job."

"It's wrong they continue to subject local people to yet more delays."

"I am seeking an urgent meeting with the Transport Secretary to discuss this latest bungling by Highways England."

Dover TAP (Traffic Assessment Project) was introduced in April 2015 on the A20 from the Round Hill Tunnels at Folkestone to Aycliffe to control the flow of port-bound traffic at busy times.

It involves a 40mph speed limit but that has been enforced at all times. Varying this would allow the national



Drivers face a 40mph limit on the A20 between Folkestone and Dover



CAMPAIGN: Charlie Elphicke



DELIGHTED: Cllr Nigel Collor

speed limit of 70mph for cars, motorcycles and vans when TAP is not being used.

Drivers complain that they have to go artificially slowly even when it is entirely safe to go up to the usual limit.

Yet they are fined for going over 40mph and harassed from behind by drivers of other vehicles, including lor-

ries, when they keep within the limit.

It has led to Dover-bound drivers circumventing this by going onto the B2011. This led to Capel-le-Ferne parish council complaining that they are using its part of the road as a rat run. But Dover District Council is still grateful that the variable limit will begin

in time for the busy summer period.

Cllr Nigel Collor, cabinet member for access said: "We are delighted at this news and are very pleased to see this solution on the way to address the issue of lorries queuing through central Dover."

"The situation has improved since the Port of Dover opened their Buffer Zone in the Eastern Docks, but we still need to have Dover TAP for when there are problems, especially with the volume of traffic using the Port of Dover increasing. The variable speed limit is a key milestone to provide a more resilient road network to support the town and the port."

The Mercury has contacted Highways England for a comment.

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"We pride ourselves with customer satisfaction"



The transformer is the size of a one-bedroom house

Steer clear of huge transformer on move

A huge electricity transformer the size of a house is to take to the roads.

Drivers are being asked to clear the way for the 318 tonne load as it is moved from Sellinge to Dover overnight on Friday, February 3.

The transformer, which is the size of a house, will leave National Grid's Sellinge substation aboard an 87-metre specialist delivery vehicle at 9pm with a police escort.

It will then make its way to the Port of Dover via Church Lane, turning left onto the A20 to join the M20 at junction 10.

It will leave the motorway at junction 13 and then travel along the A259 Churchill Avenue, the A260 Canterbury Road and the A20 to enter to port at the Union Street roundabout.

People have been asked to avoid parking along the delivery route.

Throughout its journey the vehicle will travel at approximately 12 miles an hour and be flanked by Kent Police outriders.

It is so big that it needs two trucks, one at the back and one at the front, to propel it.

To enable the load to access the Port of Dover, the A20 from the junction with the B2011 to the York Street roundabout will be closed from midnight on Friday, February 3 until 6am on Saturday, February 4. There will be a signed diversion route via the B2011 and York Street.

National Grid project engineer James Sheridan said: "It's our job to connect people to the energy they use and this delivery is part of that process."

"Once operational the transformer will change the voltage of electricity so it can be transported along local power lines and delivered to homes, businesses and community facilities."

Anyone with questions about the delivery can call 0800 731 1231 or email info@communityrelations.co.uk.