



The Perfect Pub

The Crown Inn, one of the oldest pubs in the region and located on the green at Groombridge, has real character, as Jamie Oliver says; it's "pukka" place to visit

This glorious village pub is the perfect place to enjoy a delicious foamy real ale, including beers from Black Cat Brewery in Groombridge and tuck into some hearty home-made food, surrounded by centuries of scandalous history.

Dating back to 1585, it not only has ancient beams, but also a collection of old tankards etc, hanging from the ceiling. What's more this was the meeting place of the Groombridge Gang a notorious outfit of 18th century smugglers.

The Crown is run by Steve Harmes who

prefers a pub to be the pumping heart of a community with a warm friendly atmosphere and bags of character and charm. "The pub has always been an important part of village life," he says. "We have given the Crown a new lease of life and re hung the original crest above the door, providing a sense of the pubs history and tradition for our customers".

The pub's kitchen has been given the coveted gold five star award, and the food that comes out of it is simply mouth watering; the homemade burgers and pies are a speciality, served with mash or chips

and veg. They're popular all year round.

And if the ghosts of bygone villains aren't big enough celebrities, TV chef Jamie Oliver named The Crown one of the top 100 pubs in the South East. Find The Crown inn on Facebook, or reserve a table via the website or phone.

The Crown's menu is available online all year round.

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