

Pub Talk and Social Evening

Saturday 22nd January 7.30pm

Queens Head, 1 St. James Street
Monmouth, NP25 3DL, Tel 01600 712767

Sarah Rogerson and family are coming along to share with us their once in a lifetime experiences competing at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky.

Offa's Dyke Member Sarah was selected as reserve for the British Team and flew out to Kentucky with her twin sister Rachael. She then had the drama of a last minute inclusion in the team, when one of the British horses was withdrawn. Sarah rode the American based horse Winston (FFC First Csea Lord) owned by Stagg and Cheryl Newman. See her article in our July newsletter about her experiences riding Winston last winter in America.

Following her experience Sarah said: 'I am recovering, although it is surprising how long it has taken to sink in and be able to get back on with normal life again. The experience itself was absolutely incredible with so many different aspects; from the shock of getting to ride and preparing for the most important race of my life in 18 hours, the achievement of completing, to being treated like an equal by Carl Hester and Mary King'

Queens Head Pub We have been given free use of the restaurant next door to the pub. The landlord Neil Bell isn't charging us for use of the room but hopes that people will stop by at the bar before or after. They no longer serve food and there is no direct access from the bar but the landlord's happy for people to take drinks next-door.

Directions: From the south on the A40 go through tunnels at Monmouth and continue to traffic lights and turn left. From Forest of Dean A466 or A4136 to Monmouth, at traffic lights cross over A40 and go ahead into Monmouth. The Queen's Head is about 50 metres from the traffic lights on the corner on your right. Turn left, Blake Theatre in front of you, just past that on right is entrance to Glendower Street car park.

From the north on the A40 it's best to turn right into Monmouth at the roundabout (first roundabout after Ross-on-Wye). At traffic lights turn left and follow same road around to the right (away from Leisure Centre) and Queen's Head is on the left at the sharp bend (leading to the A40 and A466). Give way to traffic from the left and go ahead (i.e. not follow sharp bend). Blake Theatre in front of you, just past that on right is entrance to Glendower Street car park. You may also, from this direction, find street parking before the pub. Pub is on Gloucester & Forest of Dean map LR162, OS national grid ref SO 5105 1280.

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