

Out and About in Harrogate

The most important event in the fine and sports turf industry and club management world is not just about the three day BTME & ClubHouse Exhibitions. There's so much more to the entire week, including seminars, workshops, presentations, receptions and dinners, to name just a few.

Included in this is Harrogate itself, a Yorkshire town that has become interwoven into the whole BIGGA event. So Gareth Jones went exploring to see what Harrogate has to offer both visitors and exhibitors alike.

WHERE TO EAT

Damn Yankee

This fun and lively restaurant has made its name serving freshly prepared American food, from burgers and ribs to steak dishes and fajitas. The walls are adorned with memorabilia and images from The States, with an authentic US atmosphere.

Cattleman's Association

The only Texan restaurant in Harrogate is famous for its hearty steak and chicken dishes that will satisfy the biggest appetites. The flavours are authentic 'Old West' and Mexican, and all the dishes are prepared fresh to order from the highest quality ingredients.

Chez la Vie

Chez La Vie offers a range of classical Mediterranean dishes from their basic menus and blackboard specials. The restaurant offers a wide range of wines from throughout the world. A classic French restaurant with the informality of a Parisian bistro.



Loch Fyne

The menu offers a wide array of delicious entrees, comprising a selection of the freshest seafood and shellfish, the majority of which is sourced direct from the shores of Loch Fyne, Scotland. The restaurant has a contemporary design that creates a light, bright ambience.

Lords

Modern English cuisine with game and seafood specialities. The menu reflects a commitment to producing creative and attractive food using fresh seasonal ingredients resulting in a special blend of English and Continental cuisine.

Salsa Posada

Salsa Posada's reputation is for Mexican food prepared on the premises using authentic Mexican recipes, served by friendly staff in a vibrant atmosphere. A wide range of cocktails, shooters and Mexican beer are available.

Wing Wah

Wing Wah breaks from the traditional expectations of a Chinese restaurant with its contemporary decor set on two floors, giving a light and airy feel. The menu is authentic and extensive including a wide choice for vegetarians.

The Jinnah Spice Club

Offering a menu designed from several different Asian cultures, the venue provides a dramatic setting for diners looking for a broad menu of dishes. After dinner, guests can relax in the luxurious coffee lounges.

WHERE TO SOCIALISE

Muckle's

Muckle's is a large one room operation, comprising a bar area, restaurant and a beer garden. The pub holds a weekly quiz and good quality food is served daily, including sandwiches.

Coach & Horses

Known as one of the last 'Proper English Pubs' in Harrogate, the Coach & Horses is a genuine Free House and serves a wide variety of championship ales, guest beers and superb wines.

Blues Bar

The Blues Café Bar has a most unusual stage backdrop - a full size shop window with a panoramic view of Harrogate's Montpellier Gardens. The bar has hosted such luminaries as Van Morrison, Jools Holland and John Martyn.

Christies

Christies is a very welcoming pub. It is an excellent place to watch your favourite team play with all major matches shown on the big screen. Snacks such as burgers and toasties and specials are available every lunchtime.

Old Bell Tavern

This comprises an atmospheric period bar linked to the adjacent non smoking Farrah Room and also an upstairs Brasserie Dining Room. The bar offers a varying range of eight real ales, two Belgian draught ales and draught Erdinger Weissbier.

Albert's

Only opened in 2005, Albert's offers a comfortable and relaxed space to enjoy a few drinks or a meal. From a latte to one of the unique beers, to a cocktail or a bottle of wine from an extensive list, it has it all.

Montey's Rock Café

Montey's has an earthy, dark feel, with a music policy of pre recorded rock. The bar boasts a large cocktail and shooter list. Opened in 1996, Montey's has become a cornerstone of Harrogate nightlife.

Montpellier

This bar has undergone an extensive refurbishment and now offers a range of hand pulled ales and home cooked food. With its open fire and traditional surroundings, food is served seven days a week.



WHERE TO PARTY

Revolution

It is a multi environment concept designed to deliver all aspects of eating, drinking and entertaining with style and glamour. You will find cool, comfortable and contemporary surroundings, with distinct and modern furnishings.

Time

Each of the venue's four rooms has been indulgently designed with the clubber in mind. Music ranges from Soul, funk, and disco and House to chart, party and pop anthems to R'n'B and Hip Hop.

Carringtons

Carringtons is the ideal venue for any taste for a night out. Entertainment includes DJs, Comedians, themed events, VIP function area and live tribute bands. The club boasts four bars and two dance floors, so get your dancing shoes ready.

Cardinal Sins

This is one of the busiest club's in Harrogate. Cardinal Sins DJ's include Tony Walker, Danny Whitehead, Jay Floyd and Tim Lyall, who play a mix of R'n'B and Hip Hop.

Po Na Na

'Po Na Na' means Magical Market Bar and is brought to life with the use of candlelit alcoves, subtle North African original textiles and lanterns. The dance floors are not specifically drawn out allowing customers to sit and chat or dance where they like.

WHERE TO GO - WHEN NOT AT BTME & CLUBHOUSE

Betty's Café Tea Room

Once inside the world famous shop you'll be spoilt for choice with over 300 breads, cakes and chocolates, as well as 50 different teas and coffees. The Café overlooks the Stray and colourful Montpellier gardens.

Traditional Turkish Baths

Treat yourself to a relaxing few hours at the original Victorian Turkish Baths. It includes a Steam Room; three inter-connecting Hot Rooms of varying heat; Tepidarium (warm), the Calidarium (hot), and the Laconium (very hot); Plunge pool; and Frigidarium (Relaxation Room).

Mercer Art Gallery

The Gallery is home to Harrogate district's fine art collection, which consists of some 2000 works of art, mainly from the 19th and 20th centuries. The collection includes works by William Powell Frith, Atkinson Grimshaw and Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Valley Gardens

The famous Gardens are specially cultivated and are a delight to the eyes and nose, with floral displays leading to pine woods. The Valley Gardens also contain a boating lake, sun pavilion, mini golf, tennis courts and a playground.

Harrogate Theatre

Showing during Harrogate Week 2006 is Bouncers. Lifting the lid on the Friday night experience, this is a send up of the disco scene. Under the watchful eye of the Bouncers, a gaggle of gorgeous girls, a smooth talking DJ, a group of likely lads collide with outrageous results.

