

# thedragon

award winning pub restaurant



## classics menu

### about our food...

we pride ourselves on serving fresh, local ingredients delivered daily  
from willington, surrounding villages & our neighbours' allotments

(v) suitable for vegetarians (gf) gluten free (gfo) gluten free option available

n.b. most dishes can be adapted to offer a gluten free option, please ask staff

Nuts, allergies and dietary requirements:

We regret we cannot guarantee our food products are totally nut free. some of our dishes contain nuts and other dishes may contain nuts or nut traces. If you have any allergies or special dietary requirements please consult a member of staff and ask to see our recipe book detailing all the ingredients we use in our dishes.

If you are in any doubt, please select another dish from our menu.



## starters & sharers

### homemade breads & chutney

mango & apple chutney, flavoured butter & oil, aged balsamic (v)(gfo) 3.95

### home-smoked bbq chicken wings

carrot & cumin salad, smokey chipotle sauce (gf) 4.95

### tempura summer vegetables

asian slaw, satay dip (v) 4.95

### grilled king prawns

chilli & lime marinade, caramelised pineapple, coriander salad (gf) 5.50

### seafood sharer

calamari, king prawns, sesame prawn toast, soy cured salmon, crab mayonnaise, tartar, lemon 11.95

### box baked camembert

homemade breads, flavoured butter & oil, mango & apple chutney (v)(gfo) 9.95

## main courses

### 'fish & chips'

fresh haddock, homemade batter, hand cut chips, homemade mushy peas and tartar (gf) 10.95  
*we now serve our most popular dish gluten-free*

### boot beer glazed ½ chicken

house salad, coleslaw, fries 12.95

### the dragon recipe sausages

caramelised onion mash, black pudding, crushed peas, gravy (gfo) 9.95

### baked flat cap mushrooms

spring onion & lincolnshire poacher rarebit, hand cut chips, house salad (v) 10.25

### home-smoked pulled pork burger

mature cheddar cheese, toasted brioche bun, gem, tomato, coleslaw, apple & mustard chutney, skinny chips (gfo) 10.95

### the dragon burger

homemade derbyshire beef burger, sour dough bun, bacon, mature cheddar cheese and skinny fries (gfo) 10.95

### chargrilled chicken burger

sun-blushed tomato & basil marinade, halloumi cheese, rocket, tomato, coleslaw, pesto mayonnaise, sourdough bun, sweet potato fries 10.95

### the dragon caesar salad

bacon, soft boiled hen's egg, brown butter croutons, gem lettuce, heritage tomatoes, anchovies and parmesan (gfo) 9.95 *add chicken or halloumi for 2.00*

### satay chicken & mango salad

toasted peanuts, gem lettuce, chilli, coriander & lime dressing (gf) 11.95

## side dishes

hand cut chips (gf) 2.75    sweet potato fries (gf) 2.95    skinny fries (gf) 2.75

pickled onion rings (gf) 2.75    house salad (v)(gf) 3.50    spring greens in garlic butter (gf) 2.95

buttered new potatoes (gf) 2.95    honey glazed carrots (gf) 2.95

garlic ciabatta 3.50 with cheese 3.95



## our beef

*Here at The Dragon, we are committed to offering you the 'very best' and our steaks are no different. All beef is aged from a few days to several weeks but 'dry ageing' is regarded as the best ageing technique because it concentrates the taste of the meat. The selection of steaks we offer, have been specially chosen to maximise the flavour and give you the very best taste possible.*

## steaks

8oz sirloin steak (gf) 18.95    8oz dry-aged rump steak (gf) 17.95    10oz ribeye steak (gf) 21.95  
8oz fillet steak (gf) 23.95

*all of our steaks are served with homemade chips, flat cap mushroom and roasted on the vine cherry tomatoes*

## accompaniments

pickled onion rings (gf) 2.75  
house salad (v)(gf) 3.50

## sauces

red wine & peppercorn 1.95  
port & dovedale blue 1.95

## puddin'

lemoncello crème brulee

lavender shortbread, zesty meringue, honey & lavender ice cream 4.95

banana & toffee sundae

peanut butter ice cream, toffee sauce, bananas, candied peanuts, brandy snap, chantilly (gf) 5.50

summer pudding

fresh english summer berries, prosecco jelly, chantilly cream 4.95

selection of the dragon homemade ice creams

and shortbread biscuit (gfo) 4.50

the dragon cheese board

selection of fine cheeses with biscuits, chutney and grapes (gfo) 6.50 11.95 to share

strawberry & elderflower delice

biscotti base, english strawberries, elderflower mousse, strawberry jelly, chocolate garnish 5.25

morello cherry & bitter chocolate iced parfait

morello cherry parfait, chocolate sorbet, amoretto biscuit, chocolate shavings, sour cherry coulis (gfo) 5.25

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## children's menu

starters 2.95

soup of the day    tomato, brie & ham brochette    garlic bread

mains 6.95

homemade cheese burger    battered cod, chips and garden peas

chicken goujons, chips and beans    ham, egg and chips

sausage, mash potato, vegetables and gravy    cheese tagliatelli and garlic bread

desserts 2.95

dragon homemade ice cream    chocolate brownie & vanilla ice cream    strawberries & cream



## our vision

As an independently owned business our vision, and ambition, is to create the best traditional local pub in the country, offering the highest quality standard of food, drink and service to ensure all customers have the most enjoyable experience possible.

## all things to all people?

From young to old, celebrations to gatherings we aim to be all things to all people. The dragon offers a dedicated bar with live sport, a stylish restaurant for those special occasions (amazingly, with no conflict between the two) and outside dining, either in our fantastic beer garden or in our cosy courtyard. In addition, we have a play area for children, a fantastic veranda for smokers and drinkers alike. We offer breakfasts 7 days a week, champagne breakfasts, afternoon teas, with food served all day and an outside BBQ (subject to weather). Can we be all things to all people? At the dragon – we certainly try to be!

## about the dragon

The Dragon, is a 200 year old pub with character, charm and a warm welcome, in the heart of Willington village backing on to the Trent and Mersey canal.

In 2010, when the current owners bought the dragon, it was a closed and run-down pub. It was a village pub, with great history on the 'list to extinction' - like so many other village pubs. It had a chain of failed operators and lots of problems that came with the failure.

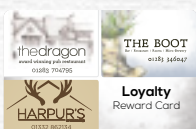
However, its location, gave the Green Dragon (as it was then) a fighting chance - in the heart of the village right on the banks of the Trent and Mersey canal. With potential tourists, canal boat trade, good roads and room for a beer garden, the owners saw the potential and decided to take the gamble. During 2010/2011, they extended the main bar, opening up the back of the pub and creating a new beer garden on the canal side... the transformation of the business began!

The Dragon has won the following awards;

- 'Best Out of Town Restaurant in Derby' (Derby Food & Drink Awards 2012)
- 'Best Traditional Pub in Derbyshire' (Derbyshire Food & Drink Awards 2014)
- 'Best Freehouse (Midlands Region)' (Great British Pub Awards 2014)
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We purchased the adjoining 17th Century Cottage in 2014 and in just 13 weeks extended the premises to give an additional 70 seat restaurant, a new 100sq mtr kitchen, a new courtyard and a new dedicated bar area.

We hope you enjoy your visit with us. If you do, please write a review on Trip Advisor, if you don't please tell us immediately and we will rectify it!



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