

The Arncliffe Arms

"Time well spent"



Evening menu

Starters

Homemade soup of the day (gluten free)(v).

(Dairy free - please ask)

£4.95

Chefs Pate served with warm toast and salad garnish.

£5.95

Battered Mushroom and Garlic Mayo dip (v).

£5.95

Arncliffe prawn cocktail.

£6.15

Garlic Bread.

£2.50

For Allergen advice please ask a staff member.

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Mains

Peppercorn pork - tenderly cooked in peppercorn sauce served with chips and vegetables (gluten free option).

£11.95

Chefs Homemade Lasagne served with garlic bread and salad garnish.

£10.95

Beef stroganoff, succulent tender beef cooked with mushroom & Peppers in a brandy cream sauce served with long grain rice (gluten free option).

£13.95

Chicken parmesan topped with béchamel sauce and cheddar served with chips and salad.

£10.95

Chefs own beef madras curry (medium spiced) served with long grain rice (gluten and dairy free).

£10.95

Homemade steak and ale pie served with chips and vegetables.

£10.95

Beer Battered locally caught cod served with chips and mushy peas (dairy free).

£10.95

Poachers chicken topped with bacon, cheddar on a pool of BBQ sauce served with chips and Coleslaw (gluten free).

£11.95

Whitby Scampi served with chips and salad (dairy free).

£9.95

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*Cajun salmon served on a bed of roast peppers and jacket potato
(Gluten & dairy free).*

£12.95

Mushroom Stroganoff (v) served with long grain rice (gluten free).

£8.95

Vegetable Lasagne (v) served with garlic bread and salad garnish.

£8.95

Vegatable Chilli (v) served with long grain rice (gluten & dairy free).

£8.95

From the grill

10oz rump steak served with chips, onion rings (dairy free).

£15.95

12oz gammon steak with free range eggs and chips (gluten & dairy free).

£13.95

Children's Menu

*Sausages, Fish Fingers, Scampi, Chicken nuggets, or Plaice Goujons all served with Chips,
Beans or Garden Peas*

£4.95

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A Little To Muse.....

The ancient and graceful stone arch of Beggar's Bridge, which spans the River Esk at Glaisdale some ten miles upriver from Whitby, is well known to historians and tourists alike. It is the stuff of legend because this beautiful bridge is the focus of a highly romantic love story set around the time of the Spanish Armada.

It involves a pretty young maid of Glaisdale who yearned for her lover's return from an adventurous and perhaps piratical life on the high seas. He was a suitor her father had rejected because he had no money. However, happily, the young man made his fortune and returned in triumph to claim his bride. Later, when married to Agnes, he became very successful and was elected Lord Mayor of Hull and was three times warden of Trinity House, the City's maritime training centre.

The man was Tom Ferris, the son of a poor sheep farmer, and his bride was Agnes Richardson, daughter of a wealthy Glaisdale landowner. Tom managed to persuade Richardson to permit the wedding if he, Tom, became wealthy. Richardson agreed, perhaps thinking it would never happen. If you visit the bridge, which is very close to the Arncliffe Arms and almost hidden between a road bridge and a rail bridge, you'll see a headstone in the parapet. A careful examination of that stone will reveal the initials T.F. and the date 1619, the date he completed the bridge.

The romance of the story tells how the youthful Tom, wary of Richardson's antagonism, visited Agnes in secret, walking from Egton to Glaisdale for their trysts. This meant crossing the River Esk near the bottom of Limber Hill and the story says that when Tom received his orders to join the English fleet, he went to inform Agnes, but could not get across the river because it was in flood. Thus he departed without even a goodbye kiss. She waited and, so the story goes, he returned as a rich man whereupon he decided to build a bridge so that future lovers could cross in safety.

Tom was apprenticed to a Hull shipowner and spent some off-duty time with relations at Egton, meeting Agnes at a fair, perhaps at Whitby. Tom sailed from Whitby on May 8, 1588 after which he served with Sir Francis Drake as he beat the Spanish Armada only ten days later, then sailing to the West Indies where he engaged in piracy. On a captured vessel, he returned to London in 1592, still aged only 24, sold the ship and went to Glaisdale as a wealthy man to claim the hand of Agnes Richardson.