

they would in the town. However, we don't do deliveries as we ^{want} need people to come to the pub and drink here. 'We want people to come here and find out about the life of a village pub. Takeaways are becoming more popular and people who order them enjoy coming into a ^{pub that has a great atmosphere} ~~place that's not scary~~ and is welcoming'.

People come here regularly from some distance. Even children love coming here for a meal and persuade their parents to return. One of our regulars brings a minibus ^{of friends} load for the quiz night and they ^{have their meal and} ~~eat before it and then~~ ^{then again.} He also - he pops in a couple of other times during the week although he doesn't live in the village. He might take away a meal and he likes the pub because he can have a good ale with a curry. We serve food up to 10 or even 10.30 but 'we don't get people turning up here for an Asian meal full of ale as you would in town. They drink good ale alongside their food'.

When they first started it was Glynn out front and Andy in the Kitchen and they did everything. They were able to survive because they did most of the work. However, nowadays they get away from the pub from time to time because one of us is always here to run the bar and they have franchised out the kitchen cooking. Working in the pub game takes over your whole life but the way we have it organised now we get some time with our partners and family. 'It's not a big pub; its only ten tables so we can manage with one person behind the bar ^{some nights} We try to keep our costs down on everything. Its not what you take, its what you keep that matters'. They now employ a couple of part-time staff for a few shifts. 'We wouldn't want to go back to the past because we can now get some time off. It has become a more pleasant life for us. They now don't have to be here all the time. 'Andy and his partner or my partner and me can be away, and we know the pub will run smoothly and it doesn't raise the overheads dramatically. Having a manager in would raise our costs far too high' (Glynn).

When Andy does get away to other pubs, he is always looking for new ideas to help the business and make it a good village pub'. For example, they have now introduced free water ^{for customers to help them solve} ~~on one of the tables and flavoured ones for the children.~~ 'On a busy night people often come up and want a jug of water with the meal so we made them available. We have the log burner going in the winter and make it a very cosy village pub'.

They are content in that there are three levels to this building and 2 separate flats so 'we all get to live here as well. It's the best and easiest pub I have ever worked in because of the way we have it set up' (Andy). 'We're a pair of older publicans who enjoy working a bar and people come in for the laughs' (Glynn).

This partnership appears to have met their ideals in creating a local village pub and at the same time they have made it comfortable for themselves and their families. Lucky Avening.