

MOTOWN FOLK BLUES ROCKABILLY  
ROCK SKA POP FUNK METAL  
SOUL JAZZ PUNK INDIE NEW WAVE

# THE WHEATSHEAF

FREE LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

## The Wheatsheaf – The Truth Behind The Legend!!!

We love Leighton Buzzard, a picturesque market town, full of history, with great transport links, some gorgeous woodlands and parklands, a few shops, decent schools and more pubs than you can shake a stick at! Yes Leighton Buzzard definitely holds a special place in our heart, however, being a rather small town, it does have the tendency to have a few, age-old rumours flying around, not that we mind too much, afterall that is how legends are made! Being that The Wheatsheaf has been at the centre of at least some of these rumours we thought we would take this opportunity to sort the fact from the fiction. So if you are all sitting comfortably... Welcome to The Wheatsheaf (The truth behind the legend)!!!

### **FACT: The Wheatsheaf has been a pub for hundreds of years**

Yep, we were here before the days of Napoleon and Marrie Antoinette, when Mad King George III was on the throne and we were fighting the Frenchies on the battlefields of Northern America.

No one knows when The Wheatsheaf was built but it was first licensed as an ale house in 1762, as part of the governments attempts to deal with the gin epidemic that had swept the nation.

### **FICTION: The Wheatsheaf is a biker pub**

Not true... Well not exactly anyway! We are just biker friendly, in the same way we are plumber friendly and accountant friendly! In fact, over the years there have probably been just as many tractors parked up outside The Wheatsheaf as motorbikes!

**FACT: The Wheatsheaf is a music pub**

This is absolutely true. Back in the 1980's Landlord & Landlady, Geoff & Liz Bottoms, decided that free live music would be the essence of The Wheatsheaf. They created an extension which made room in the back bar for a stage and bands have been playing here ever since.

**FICTION: The Wheatsheaf only plays rock music**

Nope! Of course, we love to rock out as much as the next music venue, however, our bands cover all genres. Some are rock, some punk, metal, ska, indie, pop, soul, motown, folk, funk, new wave... you name it, we would have played it!

**FACT: Famous bands have played The Wheatsheaf**

As we have been hosting live music nights for over 30 years, we have been lucky enough to see some famous faces take to our stage. Paul Young, John Otway, Glen Matlock, Reef & Kula Shaker are to name but a few!

**FICTION: The Wheatsheaf is rough – there are always fights**

We all know that alcohol (whilst being an absolutely marvelous invention) can cause a few incidents of unpleasantness! Well, as most of our bar staff have been working here for decades and they can count the number of such incidents on one hand, we think it is safe to say that The Wheatsheaf is far from being a trouble spot!!!

**FACT: The Wheatsheaf is expensive compared to chain pubs & supermarkets**

We wish this wasn't true, but in the same way all independent / chain free pubs are feeling the pinch, we are unable to compete with chain pubs and supermarkets when it comes to the price of beer. What we do offer is a historic pub with a good range of beer, lager, spirits & bottles (our wine list is still limited to red, white or pink!), a friendly atmosphere, quirky signs, an open fire roaring in the winter, a pool table, darts board, jukebox, free live music every Friday & Saturday night, a band & a hog roast every bank holiday Monday, games days, panto's, treasure hunts and more... trying to give you more than cider for your fiver & more cheer with your beer!