

Favourite Pubs/Restaurants

Not an exhaustive list, and in no particular order, but these are the places we most often choose from when we have visitors or are heading out on our own.....



A: The Horse Shoe, Llangattock: Recently completely remodelled. Easy walking distance. This pub feels like a locals pub and you may be put off by people standing around outside but its very friendly. The beer is good and the food is simple pub-grub but nicely done.

B: The Vine Tree, Llangattock. Remodelled, in 2018 this is more of a restaurant than a pub. The decor is modern, and the kitchens are open sided so you can watch the chefs at work. Prices are higher than most but we've had good feedback.

C: The Bear of Crickhowell: Large coaching inn with a good range of real ales and a remarkably fast kitchen. This pub has been in the same family for over 30 years. Tends to have longer daytime kitchen hours than others. Food is fairly good and has a wide choice. A really memorable and special pub. Often frequented by walkers, and the staff tend to welcome dogs (sometimes hungry looking dogs are brought a surprise bowl of food!)

D: The Dragon, Crickhowell: Known for good food. Guests rate it more highly than the Bear for a special meal. Huge garden at the back. We particularly like the main bar room and tend to head to the Dragon for meals rather than just drinks.

E: The Bridge End Inn, Crickhowell: The main reason for going here is to enjoy the beer garden overlooking the river and bridge on sunny days.

F: The Crown at Pantigelli: Located on the other side of Sugarloaf on the Old Hereford Road, north of Abergavenny. Known for good food. Food oriented pub but has a small bar area if you just fancy a drink. Very well run, family feel. Best to book. Strict on food times.

G: The Dragons Head, Llangenny. Simple country village pub. Nice walks by the river. Friendly, relatively in-expensive pub-grub.

H: The New Inn, Bwlch. Located on the A40 heading towards Brecon, on the left as you drive through Bwlch. Doesn't look appealing from the outside but this small pub is a **quite special**. It has a fresh, vibrant, well loved feel. The menu is very "pub oriented", simple but nicely cooked. The beer is first class. They run a small bunkhouse so you often find a younger clientele. At weekends **you need to book if you want to eat** (it's very popular). The car park is small so you may need to hunt around the village for a space.



I: The Kestrel, near Crickhowell: The best food and wine near Crickhowell. This recently renovated family run gastro pub takes a real pride in the quality of its food. We've had several comments like "that was the best meal I've had in years". The pub has a personalised rather than a polished/commercial feel. Richard and his family lived in France for many years and take more care on the wine than most pubs. Open Friday and Saturday evenings only.

J: The Red Lion, Llangorse: Very popular pub with a speciality for pies (they do other food too). A good place to drop into after a walk by Llangorse lake.

K: The Felin Fach Griffin: Just off the A470 north of Brecon. Very professionally run food oriented pub. Restaurant style fine dining food but the atmosphere is of a warm welcoming top quality pub. Beer is good. In fact everything is good!

L: Foyles of Glasbury: Off A438 near Talgarth. This restaurant and hotel has a very modern and airy feel. Service and food are excellent.

M : The Hardwick, on the A40 East of Abergavenny. Top quality fine dining. Michel Roux Jr refers to this as his "Favourite Welsh Restaurant". Wow.

N : Llantony Priory. Breath-taking location. Feels like Tolkien's middle-earth. We don't tend to eat here but it's a good destination for a walk and a beer. The hikers bar is in a stone vaulted room slightly below ground. You can also sit out on the grass. Very basic. Very Stunning.

O: The Goose and Cuckoo, Upper Llanover. Ideal if you like to seek out very old fashioned country pubs. Not 'gastro' or polished in any way. The food is clearly home cooked, wholesome and good quality. Their website has info on local walks. Two pub fanatics that visited 20,000 UK pubs over 33 years rated this pub as number 3!

P: The Towpath Inn, Gilwern. A good one for evening bike ride along the canal. Relaxed pub with a fresh feel. Have visiting street food vendors (check ahead). Wonderful heated outdoor bench.