THE OLD COASTGUARD

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DEEP INTO AUTUMN

Back to basics

25 years and counting since we poured our first pint in The Griffin at the leading edge, in retrospect, of a rapidly changing hospitality scene. To remind ourselves of our purpose. We are an independent, family-owned business. Integrity is important to us. And hospitality. We've expanded a little, yes, but we're no chain or brand. Taking on these inns in Cornwall created more opportunities for our team (which has worked sublimely in practice), as well as give those who like what we do the chance to experience something similar, but in another place. That concept seems to have stood the test of time.

Beaujolais Day *Thursday 20 November*

A little cracker in the hospitality calendar. This year's Gamay harvest, picked, pressed and bottled. From the *Domaine des Marrans'* vineyards to the table in just a few weeks. A product made in France, but a concept taken up with heart-warming enthusiasm by the British. We hear Swansea on Beaujolais Day is quite a sight. We pour from 12pm on the 20 November until it runs out sometime in December.

Le Déjeuner Economique *from 20 November*

Our *Lunch for Less* takes a breather for the back end of the year. Replaced for a few weeks by our Déjeuner Economique, a bit of strangled franglais, maybe, but a cracking little lunch menu to run alongside the Beaujolais Nouveau. A touch of the Lyon bistro (just a short journey south of the Beaujolais vineyards) coming on secondment to West Cornwall. £25 for two courses, £30 for three.

Early 2026

We continue to plan plenty of reasons for you to visit in the New Year. We'll bring back our Bottle Shop nights, once a week when you can buy from our wine list at what are effectively retail prices. Details to follow. And our epic lunching offer, **Lunch for a Tenner**, re-appears in late January for 16 days. Remember you need to be signed up as a Friend of EDS to be issued with an Invitation to this. And plans are afoot to introduce an OC Supper Club, monthly gatherings around a single table. More on all these to follow in the new year via the usual social channels and our Friends' newsletters.

PS. The Winter Escape

November brings a shaft of light via our Winter sleepover offer. A night's Dinner B&B from £239 for two people. Three courses from our evening menu, coffee or tea on arrival, an unarguably comfortable bed and a cracking breakfast. One night (or more), including weekends (OC only) outside of holidays through until the end of March. In place right across EDS and bookable online. Or via the phone.

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DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

2026 rumbles into view and here's a heads up from us on the back-end of 2025. As ever, we close the doors after an invariably vibrant lunch on **Christmas Eve** and re-open ready for lunch on Friday 27 December. We're then open through until after breakfast on Monday 12 January when we close for our regular gathering of West Cornwall's hardest-working collection of tradesmen (re-opens 22 January).

Christmas Menu

Please do find a gap to eat with us in December, with friends, family or workmates. For those with a group to entertain, our **Christmas prix fixe** is ideal: 2/3 courses (£30/£38 for lunch, £36/£45 in the evening), albeit important to book ahead. And our usual menus are tweaked to give them a certain seasonal identity. Our increasingly popular *Lunch for Less* goes into hibernation from 6 December (after a brief interlude as *Le Déjeuner Economique*) while substituted by our Christmas menu.

Opening hours and other December gubbins...

Except for our closure dates (above) we remain open right through December, seven days a week, many hours a day. You can book online via the "Booking" tab on our website or email/call our team if you need to go into a bit more detail (particularly larger tables which are not always bookable online).

New Year's Eve falls on 31 December again this year. We'll do our usual thing and let the building, the kitchen and our floor team works its magic. Just a tremendous place to be as 2025 turns into 2026. We hate the "book early to avoid disappointment" line. But it probably does apply here. Dinner £75 a head.

The Village Feast *Saturday 13 December, 1pm*

Our terrific value Christmas lunch for locals and a good way to start the holidays. Shiny bright lights, crackers, turkey, Christmas-ish pudding and a whole load of fun. £25 a head. Very much a communal dining experience around our various tables, and all the better for it. What eating out should be about.

"Merry place you may believe, tiz Mouzel 'pon Tom Bawcock's Eve..."

Steeped in local tradition, Mousehole comes alive in the run-up to Christmas. World-ish famous lights powered up this year on Thursday 11 December (switch-on). And on Christmas Eve Eve, Tom Bawcock's Eve celebrates legendary bravery and is one of the great nights each year here at The Old Coastguard.

Gift Vouchers

We package our vouchers up in a pretty folder and don't apply an expiry date. They can be used right across EDS, even if one recent recipient did email to ask if we had an outpost in Dumfries & Galloway, as they "didn't travel much". **If you'd like to buy one, you can do so online using the QR code above.**