



Basque Kitchen and Shepard's Wharf

Wednesday 19th July 2023

This was probably the most difficult and frustrating venue ever !

When we booked the venue in April, Tuesday was an option and so we proceeded to book both the Basque Kitchen and Shepard's Wharf Marina.

However when I tried to confirm the booking on the 8th.July the Kitchen was no longer open on Tuesdays so we also lost the Marina booking !



Panic ! Hair loss by the handful ! Whisky by the bucket ! E-mails by the dozen !
Fortunately almost everyone was able to move to Wednesday and, although

Shepards were expecting the Fastnet fleet, we were saved from disaster by John Poyner whose son-in-law is the Berthing Master at the Yacht Haven. Seventeen of us were able to share a very enjoyable social occasion and welcome some new members.

Of course the Basque Kitchen was totally chaotic; I think Tina had to wait some fifteen minutes for bread, others had salad but no main course, and Christine and I were beginning to eye our neighbours with cannibalistic fervour before our roast lamb arrived !



As usual the company was everything and I believe that friendships were made and renewed. Please let me have your feed-back. Anyone up for an August return to Lymington, Bucklers Hard or Gins Farm ? I do have, thanks to Dave Kennett, plans for a private ferry trip to Hurst Castle and the Gun in Keyhaven.

Here's Tae us ! Wha's like us ? Damnity few ! An' they're aw deed !

David