



STARTERS

Westcountry Crab Cakes. G, C, F, Mu **£5.95**
Dressed salad garnish, lemon wedge & sweet chilli dip.

Deep Fried Brie. G, M, E, Mu, Vg **£5.95**
Dressed salad garnish & cranberry sauce.

Classic Prawn Cocktail. G, Mu, C, M **£6.95**
Salad leaves, onion, tomato, cucumber, Marie rose sauce, brown bread & butter.

Creamy Garlic Mushrooms. G, M, Vg **£5.25**
Toasted ciabatta bread.

Homemade Potato & Leek Soup. G, M **£5.95**
Warm ciabatta bread & butter.

Ardennes Pate. G, M **£5.95**
Salad Garnish, Toasted Ciabatta bread & Sticky Fig Chutney.

Chili Nachos. GF, M (Spicy) **£12.95**
Tortilla chips, homemade chili, melted cheese, Guacamole, BBQ & Mayo dips (Ideal for sharing)

HOUSE SALADS

Warm Chicken & Chorizo. Gf, Mu **£14.95**
Roasted cherry tomatoes, warm baby potatoes, salad leaves, homemade honey & mustard dressing.

Classic Chicken Caesar Salad. G, E, M, So, F **£14.95**
Baby gem, bacon, homemade herbed croutons, parmesan shavings, salad leaves, anchovies, soft boiled egg & Caesar dressing.

Ploughman's. G, E, M, Ce **£14.95**
Cheddar cheese, ham, pickles, salad garnish, soft boiled egg, celery, apple, warm ciabatta & butter.

GRILLS

10oz Sirloin Steak. Mu, M, G **£25.95**
Grilled tomato, roasted field mushroom, chips, onion rings and peas.

10oz Ribeye Steak. Mu, M, G **£27.95**
Grilled tomato, roasted field mushroom, chips, onion rings and peas.
Add a Peppercorn or Stilton sauce for **£2.95**

16oz Gammon Steak. G, E **£19.95**
Grilled tomato, roasted field mushroom, chips, peas, onion rings and with your choice of eggs, pineapple or both.

Mixed Grill. G, E **£39.95**
A 10oz sirloin steak, 16oz gammon steak, chicken breast, three sausages, four strips of streaky bacon, chips, two eggs, grilled tomato, a roasted field mushroom and onion rings.
WARNING: This meal is not for the faint hearted!
Add a Peppercorn or Stilton sauce for **£2.95**

MAINS

Homemade Steak & Ale Pie. G, Ce, E, M, Mu, So **£17.95**
Served with your choice of either chips or mash and accompanied with peas and a jug of gravy.

Homemade Beef Lasagne. G, E, Mu, M **£15.95**
With your choice of either chips or garlic bread, served with a dressed salad garnish.

Hickory Chicken. Gf, M **£16.95**
Grilled chicken breast, streaky bacon, BBQ sauce & melted cheese chips, peas & grilled Tomato.

Thai Green Chicken Curry. M (Spicy) **£15.95**
Steamed rice, garlic & coriander naan, with a tomato, onion and cucumber salsa.

Belly Pork. Gf, M, Su **£18.95**
Apple and cider sauce, garlic sautéed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

Steamed Salmon Fillet. Gf, F, M **£17.95**
Parsley and lemon sauce, baby potatoes, peas, grilled tomato & seasonal vegetables.

Sausage & Mash. G, M, Su **£14.95**
Creamy mash, peas and a jug of onion gravy (can be gluten free).

Wholetail Scampi. G, M, C, Mu **£16.95**
Chips, peas and a dressed salad garnish.

Beer Battered Fish. G, E, Mu, M **£16.95**
Chips & a choice of either mushy or garden peas, tartare sauce optional (Gluten free batter available).

Chicken Tikka Masala. G, M **£15.95**
Steamed Pilau rice, onion bhajis, large poppadum, garlic & coriander naan & mango chutney.

Home Cooked Honey Roast Ham. GF, Mu **£13.95**
Dressed salad garnish, two eggs and chips.

BURGERS

Please inform us if you wish to have a Gluten free burger bun & Onion Rings.

House Burger. G, E, Mu, So, M **£14.95**
Bacon, melted cheese, lettuce, tomato and thousand island sauce, onion rings, chips and burger relish.

Stilton & Mushroom Burger. G, E, M, So **£15.95**
Blue cheese sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion rings, chips and burger relish.

Chili Burger. G, E, M, So **£15.95**
Mayo, lettuce, tomato, onion rings, chips and Burger relish.

Pulled pork burger. G, E, M, So **£15.95**
Mayo, lettuce, tomato, BBQ pulled pork, onion rings, chips and Burger relish.

This menu is available from 12 midday to 8pm
Monday to Saturday

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN

Spinach & Ricotta Cannelloni. G, M, E, Mu, Vg **£15.95**
Chips or garlic bread & dressed with a salad garnish.

Homemade Vegetarian Lasagne. G, M, E, Mu, Vg **£15.95**
Chips or garlic bread & dressed with a salad garnish.

Homemade Tomato, Mozzarella & Pesto Tart. G, M, E, Mu, Vg, N **£15.95**
Chips and a salad garnish.

Vegan Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry. G, Mu, Veg **£15.95**
Steamed rice, garlic & coriander naan bread.

Vegan Red Thai Vegetable Curry. G **£15.95**
Steamed Rice, Garlic & Coriander Naan.

Mushroom Risotto. G, Vg **£14.95**
Served with garlic bread and a dressed side salad.

Homemade Three Cheese, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Pasta Bake. G, M, Mu, E, Vg **£15.95**
Dressed salad garnish & chips.

Vegan Crispy Jackfruit Burger. G, Veg **£15.95**
Salad leaves, tomato, vegan cheese slices, and vegan mayo served in a vegan bun, chips, onion rings and burger relish.

Vegan Butternut Gobi Dhansak. G, Mu, Veg **£15.95**
Cauliflower florets, butternut squash, red onions, red peppers, split peas and lentils in a spiced sauce served with steamed rice, garlic and coriander naan bread and a tomato, red onion and cucumber salsa.

Redefine Meat plant based burger. So, M, Veg, G **£15.95**
Salad leaves, tomato, vegan cheese slices, and vegan mayo served in a vegan bun, chips, onion rings and burger relish.

Redefine Meat plant-based Chili Nachos. GF, M/Veg **£12.95**
Tortilla chips, homemade vegan chili, melted cheese (dairy or Vegan) guacamole, BBQ sauce & sour cream/vegan mayo (Ideal for sharing, please inform us if you wish for the vegan option)

SIDES

Bread & Butter. G, M **£1.00**
Cheesy Garlic Bread. G, M **£4.25**
Garlic Bread. G, M **£3.50**
Chips. **£3.50**
Beer Battered Onion Rings. G **£3.75**
Mixed Vegetables. GF **£3.50**
Sauté Mushrooms. GF, M **£3.50**
Buttered Potatoes. GF, M **£3.50**

Menu Abbreviations

G-Gluten, C-Crustaceans, F-Fish, N-Nuts, Ss-Sesame Seed, Mu-Mustard, Ce-Celery, E-Eggs, Lu-Lupin
M-Milk, Mo-Molluscs, P-Peanuts, So-Soya, Su-Sulphates, Gf-Gluten Free, Vg-Vegetarian, Veg-Vegan

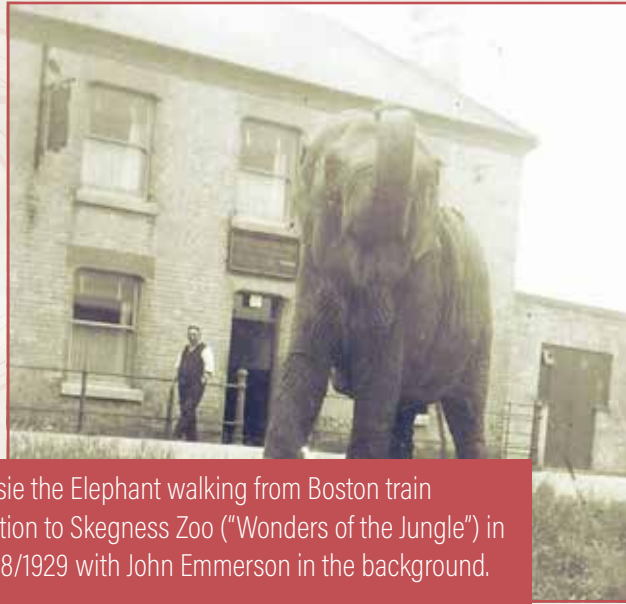
If you have a food allergy intolerance, please speak to your server before ordering your meal. Please be aware our kitchen contains allergens of all kinds so we cannot guarantee that any one dish can be free of all traces of any allergen.

THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS

For over 50 years Old Leake Brewery was a major business in the village. It was owned by George Goe Horton along with his brother Samuel, and their descendants. The Horton brothers were bricklayers by trade and along with their younger siblings, Sarah, James and Thomas were born in Wrangle to George and Ann Horton. By 1841 George Goe was 25 and widowed, his wife Elizabeth, having died a year or two before, leaving him with a 4-year-old son, Samuel Naylor Horton (born in 1837). This is about the same time that he first appears in the directories, as a George Horton of Leake is listed under Retailers of Beer. We can assume that towards the end of 1841 they would have finished building the brewery (which was located the other side of Sea Lane, now demolished) and the pub - now The Bricklayers Arms, making it over 180-years-old. It was most likely built using the bricks from nearby Wrangle brick pits, as George Horton owned them around this time.



The Bricklayers Arms in around 1915



Rosie the Elephant walking from Boston train station to Skegness Zoo ("Wonders of the Jungle") in 1928/1929 with John Emmerson in the background.

According to the 1851 census George, his son, a lodger and 3 servants were living here and George is listed as a Brewer and also a Brickmaker. By the mid-1850s the brewery seems to be well established. When it was listed in the directories in 1856, George and Samuel are still being listed as Brewers and Maltsters as-well as Brick and Tile Makers - although this seems to be the last time the brick and tile business is mentioned.

By the time of the 1861 census the brewery and pub appear to be thriving, with the whole Horton family involved. George was still living at the brewery with 6 servants, 2 of them being his niece and nephew, Phoebe and Thomas, a boarder named Thomas Evison and also his father, George Horton. His brother Samuel still worked as a maltster, brewer and farmer at the brewery and lived nearby with his wife and three daughters, along with a servant. At the same time George's son, Samuel Naylor Horton, got married to Harriet in around 1857 and had a daughter named Elizabeth Ann. He is listed as living down Sea Road in Leake and was a maltster, also working at his father's brewery.

It's not until 1871 that the brewery is called "The Bricklayer's Arms" in the census and George is a 'Brewer and Farmer occupying 30 acres employing 20 men' so has clearly become quite a substantial affair. In 1868 George married Mary and they were living at the Bricklayers Arms with his daughter-in-law, Harriet, and her children - his grandchildren - Annie, George, Walter and Fred and also 5 servants. Samuel was also still living nearby with his wife and two youngest daughters, Kate and Annie and a servant. In White's Gazetteer and Directory of 1872 this was written:

In the parish is an old established brewery, belonging to the Mr G. G. Horton.
Horton George Goe, beerhouse and farmer, brewer and maltster, Old Leake Brewery.
Horton Samuel, brewer, maltster and agent to British Mercantile Association.

In 1881 George and his wife Mary were living at the Brewery with his grandson, George Henry Horton, who was manager of the brewery at just 17-years-old!

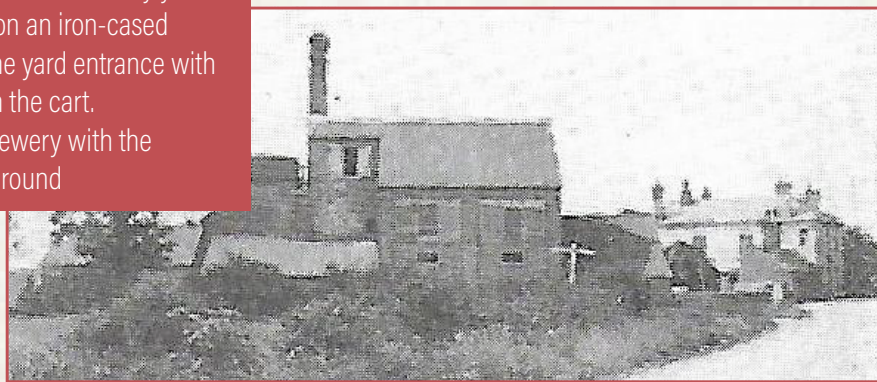
In 1885 George was listed in the directories and in 1889 this was written;
Here is a steam brewery, the property of Mr George Goe Horton.

Horton George Goe, brewer, maltster, spirit mer. and farmer, Old Leake Brewery.

By the look of the 1889 directory George Henry - George Goe's grandson - has taken over the business from his grandfather whom, by the time of the 1891 census, is living at Bryholme in Old Leake, just around the corner from the brewery. But even though George wasn't living at the brewery he carried on working there.



These two pictures are the only known images of the brewery. The top one shows the brewery yard Mr. George H. Danby leaning on an iron-cased stone-roll used as a post at the yard entrance with some young Hortons riding in the cart. The Bottom image is of the brewery with the Bricklayers Arms in the background



Motorcyclists in the 1930s

So, by the 1890s a new generation was living at the brewery; there was George Henry, taking over the business from his grandfather, his wife his wife Mary, their two sons, Frank and Sydney and his brother Fred who was also the brewers clerk.

Sadly, by 1897 things weren't looking up for the brewery as it appears in the newspapers to be sold by auction. Although a sad affair the listing does show the extend to which the brewery and public house had grown; 'The following valuable Freehold Licensed Properties, viz.- In Leake. A Messuage, Tenement, or Beerhouse, called or known by the name of "The Bricklayer's Arms," together with the Brewery, Malt-house, Stabling, Granaries, Malt Kiln, Brewery Plant, Out-buildings, and Close of Land adjoining, containing 2 Acres 1 Rood 31 Perches' (the land amount is around 2 ¼ acres).

By the turn of the century the property still hadn't sold and unfortunately the brewery was to close down due to poor water supplies. It also went out of the Horton family and in the 1901 census Edward Evans and his wife are living at 'Wainfleet Road Brewery', so this would most likely be The Bricklayers Arms.

For 21 years - from 1904 to 1925 - it was owned by William Bush and his wife Annie, who went on to have The Angel Inn in Wrangle. The couple running in until William's death in 1932 and then Annie and their daughter Julia carrying on until Annie's death in 1952, and just Julia (known as Miss Bush to the locals) until her death in 1969. During the 1930s John Emmerson and his wife Ida took over the mantle. Other landlords include Mr & Mrs E. Whitehead in the 1950s, Pete & Jean Gell in the 1970s and more recently Maggie & Drew and, of course, now owned by Richard & Paddy.

It has been a Batemans pub since at least 1917, previous to this it had been owned by the Soulby, Sons and Winch Brewery whom were going to use the old brewery as a storage facility for Boston area trade after the brewery had closed, but due to them buying a new premises on West Street in Boston, it wasn't needed. The porch over the front door of the pub was brought to us by Mrs Bateman from her own house, according to her, it has a point on the top of it to stop the devil landing on it.



Tom Walker, George Welsh and Jack Pinder with Mr & Mrs Emmerson