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## **The Bull takes the only 5 star gold in Suffolk!**

The team from the historic 500 year old coaching inn at The Bull Inn, Barton Mills have already had an amazing start to 2014. The AA inspector made an unannounced and undercover visit to the award winning Bull Inn at Barton Mills in Suffolk and awarded this little gem of a coaching inn with 5 gold stars. The Bull Inn has achieved this by moving with the times and becoming a modern day Inn with a funky twist, whilst maintaining the building's heritage along with its cosy and welcoming atmosphere.

This proudly makes The Bull at Barton Mills the only Inn, in the whole of Suffolk to be awarded the prestigious 5 gold stars! The inspector said "I just love this Inn, it has a special feel to it". The Bull Inn has been lovingly and sympathetically bought back to life over the last 7 years under the ownership of Cheryl Hickman and Wayne Starling. The dedicated owners simply radiate character, style and eccentric passion, which is infectious to all those who visit the Inn.

On top of the 5 gold stars for the Inn the inspector also awarded them the coveted AA rosette for the food. The team strives for consistency along with high standards and they are very proud to have been awarded this amazing accolade every year since 2007. The rosette is awarded to only the best restaurants that stand out in their area and are serving food prepared with care, understanding and skill, using good quality local ingredients. The Bull Inn serves food all day every day – check out their website for the latest menus [www.bullinn-bartonmills.com](http://www.bullinn-bartonmills.com).

The AA have been recommending and acknowledging hotels for over a century, and in 2008 celebrated 100 years in the hospitality industry – so they have a track record of knowing what's good and what's excellent!

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Owners Cheryl & Wayne said "we are over the moon with the inspection results and we are so pleased that the whole team's hard work, dedication and enthusiasm has been recognised – what a fantastic achievement".

For more information Sonia or Cheryl can be contacted at The Bull Inn at Barton Mills on 01638 711001 or by email [reception@bullinn-bartonmills.com](mailto:reception@bullinn-bartonmills.com)

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**The Bull Inn** at Barton Mills is not a B&B, it's not a hotel, but it is an award winning boutique and quirky modern day coaching Inn, located near Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket in the picturesque county of Suffolk. The Inn and its dedicated owners simply radiate character, style and an eccentric passion, which is simply infectious to all those who visit. Think funky and fresh within an amazing 500 year old coaching inn.

- 15 fab and funky bedrooms
- Award winning AA rosette dining rooms
- Private dining/meeting rooms
- Beautiful courtyard
- 2 cosy bar areas
- Functions & weddings
- Food served all day

## Other Awards

- Newmarket District Chamber of Commerce - Customer focus award (highly commended) – December 2014
- Bii Licensee of the year (*short listed*) – February 2013
- Best Freehouse in East Anglia (*winner*)– Morning Advertiser 2012
- Best Small Hotel (*winner*) – Suffolk Tourism awards 2011/2012
- Newmarket District Chamber of Commerce – Best small business & Entrepreneurial spirit of the year (*winners*) – December 2011
- Publican Food and Drink Awards – Best Sunday Lunch Pub of the Year (*finalist*) - November 2010
- Tourism in Suffolk Awards- Best Small Hotel (*finalist*) – July 2009
- Suffolk Food & Drink Awards (*finalist*) – Food Pub of the Year – July 2009
- Best Free house Highly Commended – Great British Pub Awards- June 2009
- Excellence in Marketing (*finalist*) – HRS Hotel Excellence Awards – January 2009
- Best Retailer – Newmarket Business Association Awards – December 2008
- Best New Business – Newmarket Business Association Awards – December 2008
- Newcomer of the Year (*finalist*) - Publican Awards – November 2008
- Bii Licensee of the Year (*short listed*) – Publican Awards – November 2008
- AA rosette and 3 star Hotel – November 2008
- Unsung Hero – Publican Food & Drink Awards – September 2008
- Best Newcomers in East Anglia – Morning Advertiser Awards – September 2008

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