



THE CAPTAIN DIGBY

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Captain Digby is possibly one of the oldest eating & drinking houses in Thanet. Lord Holland originally built it as a 'Bede House' between 1763 & 1768. This was a place for drinking & entertainment by Lord Holland's guests from the impressive Holland House some hundred yards to the south.

The name Captain Digby hails from Robert Digby, a nephew of Lord Holland who commanded a warship of the English fleet in 1759. It is recorded that when Lord Holland died he left a sum of money so that Captain Digby's health could be drunk every year by the customers. Also in his will was a sum to provide a bottle of wine to every young woman within the parish about to give birth. Sadly both these provisions seem to have lapsed through the years!

By 1797 the Kentish Gazette records that the tenant, Mr Herbert, welcomes numerous guests from all the Thanet towns arriving by horse at the 'Noble Captain Digby'.

Beneath the inn is a large subterranean cavern reputed to have been used by local Kingsgate smuggler, Joss Snelling & his infamous gang. Years ago, one could reach the beach below by going through a trap door in the cellar!

In 1816 the Captain Digby was recreated some yards away from the original site in the stables of the original 'Bede House'. The present day building is almost the same as the 1816 building but through the years has undergone several alterations such as the addition of the restaurant area in 1973.

On the 18th October 1861 the larger part of the 'Noble Captain Digby' fell over the cliff in a severe storm. A magazine of that date reports that the 'Noble Captain Digby' fell into the sea except part of one wing where a servant boy slept.

The last remains of the 'Noble Captain Digby', a flint gazebo situated right on the edge of the cliff, fell into the sea below during the winter of 1998. The Thorley Family, who have owned & operated the Digby since 1979, recovered some of the flint rubble & used it to build flower planters in the gardens at the Pavilion on Viking Bay, Broadstairs.

In 2001 The Captain Digby won the highly prestigious 'Family Pub of the Year' award at the National Publican Awards.

Our management team hope you enjoy your visit, as much as they, & our team, enjoy looking after you, & in the infamous words of 1797 tenant, Mr Herbert –

“HASTE YE COME BACK AGAIN!”

Allergy Information

Please inform your server if you have an allergy before ordering. Every care is taken to avoid any cross-contamination when processing a specific allergen free order. We do however work in a kitchen that processes allergenic ingredients & do not have a specific allergen free zone. Wheat & gluten ingredients which are deep fried will use the same fryers in our kitchens as dishes not containing these ingredients – there may be risk of cross contamination which may therefore affect extremely sensitive sufferers. Allergen data is held on each of our ingredients, please ask your server in the restaurant should you require additional Vegan meals, non-Dairy or non-Gluten options.



STARTERS

MIXED ITALIAN OLIVES ^(VE) £4.45

SOUP OF THE DAY ^(V) £6.45

BUTTERFLIED KING PRAWNS £8.95

Succulent butterflied prawns cooked in garlic butter & served on toasted bread.
Topped with rocket & drizzled with a balsamic glaze.

MILD 'N' WILD CHICKEN FILLETS £7.75

Breaded southern fried chicken fillets with a small kick. Served with a tangy barbecue dip.

GREEN LIPPED MUSSELS PRINTEMPS £8.95

New Zealand green lipped mussels in chef's own white wine, garlic & vegetable cream sauce. Served with slices of fresh bread.

GARLIC CHILLI CHEESE BUTTON MUSHROOMS ^(V) £8.25

Button mushrooms in garlic & chilli butter, topped with mayonnaise, melted cheese and then grilled. Served with sliced crusty bread.

CLASSIC PRAWN COCKTAIL £8.95

North Atlantic prawns on a bed of chopped lettuce topped with our very own Marie Rose sauce & sliced cucumber. Served with sliced brown bread.

SALSA NACHOS ^(V) FOR 1 £7.95 | FOR 2 £11.95

Mexican style tortilla chips, topped with salsa & cheese. Served with sour cream & guacamole dip.

ADD JALAPEÑOS FOR AN EXTRA £1.25

SWAP SALSA FOR MEXICAN CHILLI FOR £2.75

GARLIC BREAD ^(V) £3.95 | GARLIC BREAD & CHEESE ^(V) £4.95

A whole baguette smothered in garlic butter & cooked under the grill.

CAPTAINS' TABLE SHARING COMBO £15.95

Hickory smoked barbecue pork ribs, mild 'n' wild chicken fillets, duck spring rolls, onion rings & Mini Salsa nachos topped with cheese, served with sweet chilli & sour cream dips.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR DAILY SPECIALS

ALLERGEN MENU AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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MAINS

BROCCOLI & STILTON PENNE ^(V) £13.95

A rich creamy mixture of stilton & broccoli together with penne pasta.
Topped with fresh parmesan shavings.

BEEF BOLOGNESE PENNE BAKE £14.95

A traditional favourite with minced beef in a rich tomato, garlic, mushroom & onion bolognese sauce.
Mixed together with penne pasta, topped with mozzarella cheese and oven baked.

LINGUINE MARINARA £15.45

Our hugely popular seafood dish with North Atlantic prawns, finely chopped smoked halibut
& mussels in a creamy garlic & white wine sauce made with mushrooms, peppers,
& spring onions seasoned with dill.

WARM GOAT'S CHEESE & RED ONION CHUTNEY SALAD ^(V) £13.95

Grilled goat's cheese & red onion chutney on a mixed leaf salad.
Topped with mixed olives & walnuts & drizzled with a balsamic dressing.

CHARGRILLED GARLIC CHICKEN & AVOCADO SALAD £14.95

Sliced garlic chicken & avocado on a mixed leaf salad, topped with a balsamic dressing.

MUSHROOM STROGANOFF ^(V) £13.95

A blend of wild & button mushrooms with garlic, onion & tarragon in a creamy paprika
brandy sauce, served with rice & sliced bread.

MEXICAN CHILLI £13.95

Our homemade, medium spiced chilli with minced beef, kidney beans, herbs & spices.
Served with rice, sour cream & tortilla chips.
ADD JALAPEÑOS FOR AN EXTRA £1.25

CHARGRILLED CAJUN CHICKEN BREAST £14.95

A succulent butterflied chicken breast marinated in cajun spices (medium) & topped with
our freshly prepared creamy spiced cajun sauce. Served with rice & naan bread.

SIDES

SEASONAL VEGETABLES £4.45

MIXED SALAD £3.95

SIDE OF PEAS £2.95

SIDE OF COLESLAW £2.95

SLICED BAGUETTE & BUTTER £3.45

MIXED ITALIAN OLIVES ^(VE) £4.45

CHIPS £3.95

CHEESY CHIPS £4.75

ONION RINGS £3.95

SWEET POTATO FRIES £4.95

GARLIC BREAD £3.95

GARLIC BREAD WITH CHEESE £4.95

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BEER BATTERED FISH & CHIPS £14.95

Our famous 8-10oz cod hand battered with chef's traditional recipe batter.
Served with chips, then a choice of a mixed leaf salad, peas or mushy peas.
(MAY CONTAIN SMALL BONES)

ROASTED SALMON WITH WATERCRESS PESTO £15.95

A succulent salmon fillet topped with chef's own watercress pesto, served on a bed of seasoned crushed new potatoes.
Served with either fresh vegetables or a mixed leaf salad.

BREADED WHOLETAIL SCAMPI £13.95

Delicious wholetail scampi in a light crispy crumb coating, deep fried until golden.
Served with a choice of chips, jacket or new potatoes, then either a mixed leaf salad, peas or mushy peas.

STEAK, ONION & ALE PIE £15.75

A generous portion of chef's recipe, slowly cooked prime steak infused with fresh ale and baby onions, topped with a golden puff pastry lid. Served with your choice of chips, jacket or new potatoes & a side of fresh vegetables.

PAN-FRIED LIVER & BACON £15.75

Fresh lamb's liver with unsmoked back bacon pan-fried in onion gravy.
Served on a bed of creamy mashed potato & a side of fresh vegetables.

SAUSAGES & MASH £13.95

A trio of Cumberland sausages, served on creamy mashed potato,
topped with onion gravy & a side of fresh vegetables.

CHARGRILLED GARLIC & HERB CHICKEN BREAST £14.95

A succulent butterflied chicken breast marinated in garlic & herbs. Served with onion rings, a choice of chips, jacket potato or new potatoes. Then choose either grilled mushrooms & vine tomatoes or a mixed leaf salad.

8oz SIRLOIN STEAK £18.95

Chargrilled to your liking. Served with onion rings, a choice of chips, jacket or new potatoes.
Then choose either grilled mushrooms & vine tomatoes or a mixed leaf salad.

ADD...

PEPPERCORN OR SPICY CAJUN SAUCE £3.45

A WEDGE OF STILTON £2.95

SWAP CHIPS FOR SWEET POTATO FRIES £1.75

ADD GARLIC BUTTER £2.25

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BURGERS

SHIPMATES' VEGAN BURGER ^(VE)

A plant based hearty beetroot & oyster mushroom patty burger infused with tomatoes, in a toasted ciabatta bun with lettuce, tomato & relish, stacked together with onion rings. Served with a side of chips.

SINGLE £12.95 | DOUBLE £14.95

SHIPMATES' BEEF BURGER

An 8oz chargrilled seasoned beef burger. Served in a toasted brioche bun with lettuce, tomato & relish, stacked together with onion rings. Served with a side of homemade coleslaw & chips.

SINGLE £13.95 | DOUBLE £15.95

SHIPMATES' MINTED LAMB BURGER

An 8oz chargrilled seasoned lamb burger. Served in a toasted brioche bun with lettuce, tomato & relish, stacked together with onion rings. Served with a side of homemade coleslaw & chips.

SINGLE £14.45 | DOUBLE £16.45

SHIPMATES' SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN BURGER £14.25

Mild & Wild southern fried chicken fillets. Served in a toasted brioche bun with lettuce, tomato & relish, stacked together with onion rings. Served with a side of homemade coleslaw & chips.

SHIPMATES' CAJUN CHICKEN BURGER £14.95

Chargrilled butterflied chicken breast with a cajun seasoning. Served in a toasted brioche bun with lettuce, tomato & relish, stacked together with onion rings. Served with a side of homemade coleslaw & chips.

THEN ADD

A SLICE OF MONTEREY JACK CHEESE £1.45

SMOKED GOUDA CHEESE ^(VE) £1.75

A RASHER OF BACK BACON £1.75

A WEDGE OF STILTON £2.95

SWAP YOUR CHIPS FOR SWEET POTATO FRIES £1.75

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LIGHTER LUNCH

AVAILABLE MONDAY TO SATURDAY 12-4PM
(NOT SERVED ON BANK HOLIDAYS)

FRESH TORTILLA WRAPS

SERVED WITH CHIPS & A SALAD GARNISH

AVOCADO, TOMATO & MOZZARELLA ^(V) £8.95
Accompanied with rocket & a pesto mayonnaise.

MILD & WILD CHICKEN FILLETS £9.45
With grated cheese, BBQ sauce & iceberg lettuce.

PRAWN & CUCUMBER £9.95
North Atlantic prawns, iceberg lettuce & freshly sliced
cucumber with a Marie Rose sauce.

FRESH BAGUETTES

SERVED WITH CHIPS & A SALAD GARNISH
CHOOSE FROM WHITE OR GRANARY BREAD

CHEDDAR CHEESE WITH PICKLE ^(V) £8.95

TUNA & SWEETCORN £9.45
Mixed together with mayonnaise.

BACON & MELTED BRIE £9.95

JACKET POTATOES

SERVED WITH A MIXED LEAF SALAD

BAKED BEANS ^(VE) £7.95

CHEDDAR CHEESE & BAKED BEANS ^(V) £8.45

TUNA & SWEETCORN £9.45
Mixed together with mayonnaise.

MEXICAN CHILLI £9.95
With sour cream.

PRAWN & MARIE ROSE SAUCE £9.95
North Atlantic prawns mixed together with Marie Rose sauce.

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