

# Corkboard

## Escapism

The first World Street Food Congress, showcasing the best cuisine from food trucks, vans and hawker stalls around the world, takes place this week in Singapore, with top chefs and speakers from around the globe, such as Anthony Bourdain, Claus Meyer and Johnny Chan. For updates on the winners, see [wsfcongress.com](http://wsfcongress.com). And see our guide to cheap eats in Singapore: [guardian.co.uk/singapore](http://guardian.co.uk/singapore).



## British boltholes



### Hampshire The Greyhound on the Test

I last reviewed a pub run by Lucy Townsend five years ago, and it was a memorable trip: enjoyable food, smart room, pub element intact. Mentored by hotelier Robin Hutson, Lucy has now bought her own pub. It used to be called the Greyhound Inn; its newly elongated name leaves the fishing fraternity in no doubt that this lies beside the holy of holies when it comes to trout. Now, like the fly fisherman, I'm quietly optimistic.

Dashing in from lashing rain (yes, it's a bank holiday) I push the door. A girl behind the bar leads me upstairs. Breakfast is from 8am.

"Till when?"  
"Oh whenever, at weekends through till lunch really." Ding dong.

This is posh Hampshire, so I'm not going to argue about a simple, freshly painted double and good linen at £110. I'd like a table for the kettle, and conditioner among the organic toiletries in a bathroom stocked with thick towels, though.

Descending, I spot a hallway honesty bar. It's lively below: wines chalked up, Ringwood beers on draught, and Lucy greeting customers who are obviously regulars. When C turns up, we move to the dining room, amid lanterns and modern art, jewel-coloured water glasses on our table.

Guilt (sic) bream with confit potato and tapenade is "A dish with

something on its conscience," says C, who then spots braised pork belly and cheek. "Now I like a bit of that with dinner." From a short section headed On Toast, thoughtfully aimed, we guess, at those who nip in for a lunchtime pint, she proclaims Stockbridge mushrooms and sage butter "a wise choice".

Braised cod cheeks with saffron sauce and linguine, and smoked

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lemongrass and a calorific nougatine glacée round it all off with pots of herbal tea, a ridiculous bid, after such indulgence, for redemption through caffeine-avoidance.

We are impressed by what Lucy and chef Alan Haughie have achieved. Some will need the lure of fishing to return (details on website). For us the pub is bait enough.

Accommodation was provided by The Greyhound on the Test, 31 High St, Stockbridge (01264 810833, [thegreyhoundonthetest.co.uk](http://thegreyhoundonthetest.co.uk)). B&B doubles £100-£125, three-course dinner around £33pp without drinks Sally Shalam

## What's new?

### KID'S ATTRACTION

A new Sea Life aquarium, opening in Manchester on Thursday, contains over a million litres

Barton Square next to the Trafford Centre, and the Legoland Discovery Centre, it is the 14th Sea Life to open in the UK.

greatest circus troupes in the world, will be on display at the Centre National du Costume de Scène in Moulins, in

pop-up restaurants in Haverfordwest, fishing competitions, coastering with a foraging twist with Preseli Ventures ([preseliventure.co.uk](http://preseliventure.co.uk)) and foodie events all over the county. [pembrokeshirefishweek.co.uk](http://pembrokeshirefishweek.co.uk)



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07415 202979, [tipiadventure.co.uk](http://tipiadventure.co.uk)

## Travel trash

A sport fashion brand, HPE Clothing, says it has invented leisurewear that can beat jet lag. It claims its special new antimicrobial Freshfit fabric draws heat from the body, and is compressive, to increase muscle oxygenation, and "decrease muscle oscillation to reduce fatigue". [hpe-shop.com](http://hpe-shop.com)

## 5 blogs in ... Pacific NW

- [foodcartsportland.com](http://foodcartsportland.com) - mapped, Portland's street food carts
- [lostoregon.org](http://lostoregon.org) - a guide to the state before Portland got hip
- [thebeerchaser.com](http://thebeerchaser.com) - drink in the best of Portland's pubs
- [seattlemet.com](http://seattlemet.com) - food, booze, news and culture
- [seattlemag.com](http://seattlemag.com) - stories from all the neighbourhoods, including a Washington beer-themed cruise and a speakeasy on wheels

## Where's hot now?

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- 32C Larnaca, Cyprus
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