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Assembly Rooms Car Park, Melbourne DE73 8GF



ITS YOUR ROUND...

"Andy Heafield, Manager at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, compiler of this guide, cricket fanatic and host of 'Talking Bails' invites you to join him for a drink in Melbourne."

Welcome to Melbourne, no, not Australia but in rural South Derbyshire. There are historical connections with our slightly larger counterpart in Victoria via Viscount Melbourne, British Prime Minister in the reign of Queen Victoria and whilst Melbourne is unashamedly a smaller community, there is much to recommend for a visit (or several). Staying overnight isn't a problem with various places to stay to suit all budgets.

Whilst this guide is concentrating on the vast array of food and drinks available locally, Melbourne is home to many independent, small retailers and a walk around the shops is always to be recommended. Well worth a read is "Melbourne's Pubs Past and Present" published by the Melbourne Historical Research Group.

Historically there is much to see including the magnificent Melbourne Parish Church built around 1120, Melbourne Hall and Gardens with some works of celebrated ironsmith Robert Bakewell and the nearby Melbourne Pool. The town contains many Georgian buildings and, in the 19th, century was a centre for framework knitting and footwear manufacture. Market gardens have always been a major part of the economy, though now only a handful remain. John Hair's brewery operated in Church Street from 1851 to 1954 and famous residents have included the founder of modern travel, Thomas Cook, painter William Dexter, Derbyshire cricketer Jim Horsley and sculptor Ronald Pope.

Melbourne Assembly Rooms is our community venue and host to many events including theatre, cinema, concerts, exhibitions with its cultural reputation spreading far and wide; it was recently the recipient of a 'Live & Local' award for the best community performance venue in the UK. MARs also host a variety of other activities and is home to many local organisations. Another award winner locally is the renowned Chip & Pin – listed as number 1 in the Times micropubs and voted Camra's top country pub in the County.

I hope to see you soon,
...mine's a pint if you are asking!

*CHEERS,
ANDY HEAFIELD*

June, 2021



Melbourne *Life*

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Looking for ideas for a family day out?
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www.melbournlifemagazine.co.uk

Colston Crawford has been writing a beer and pubs column for the Derby Telegraph for 18 years and has, in that time, featured most of Melbourne's pubs.

In writing a foreword for Melbourne's Food and Drink Guide, first a confession. I'm an outsider. However, I would like that to be viewed in a positive way, as, living on "this side" of Derby for most of my adult life, I have spent many happy hours in Melbourne – I still do – walking, shopping, eating, drinking. I feel qualified to comment objectively.

In short, I envy what the people of Melbourne have, a real sense of community and a pride in a unique place bursting with history. Village or town? I gather locals say village. Community can be an over-used word but that fits well.

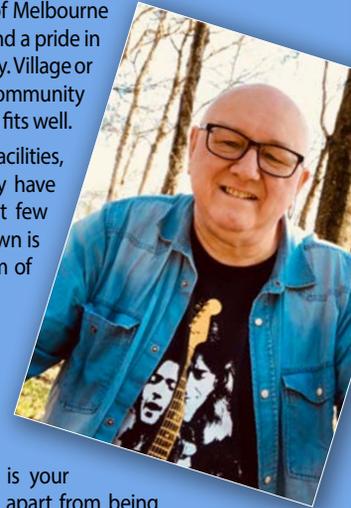
In looking at the food and drink facilities, I think the best news is that they have improved a great deal in the last few years. The range of pubs in the town is fascinating in that it's a microcosm of the modern pub scene nationally.

There is everything from a unique micro-pub, through independently-run modern hostelries to traditional large chain-owned pubs.

I've had a quick tot up. If beer is your thing, a pub crawl of Melbourne, apart from being conveniently compacted within a mile, would bring you about 20 different traditional beers to choose from.

It is a similar sort of picture when it comes to food. While it is a shame that the historic Welcome Cafe is no more, the choice, much if it from independent operators, is huge from cafes, through takeaways to pub grub and fine dining. Again, I have had a tot-up. You would not have to leave Melbourne to taste the food of a different country each day of the week.

All in all, I think that paints a rosy picture. To the people of Melbourne – cherish what you have. To visitors – do drop by, you should not be disappointed.



The John Thompson Inn

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info@johnthompsoninn.com
Ingleby DE73 7HW 01332 862469



Home of the longest established Micro-Brewery in the UK. One of only eight pubs throughout the UK to have been recommended in every edition of The Good Pub Guide. The first public house in the UK to be named after its owner. Family-owned free house since 1968. Highly acclaimed lunchtime roast beef carvery.

Kings Newton Bowls Club

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Packhorse Road Kings Newton DE73 8BZ

A well-established, popular crown green bowls club, friendly and always keen to bring in new members. The bar is always open for evening matches and all are welcome.

Open every Sunday during the season from 1 pm to 5 pm. Tollgate Draught Ale available and non-members are very welcome to come and try bowls or just use the bar.

kingsnewtonbowlsclub@gmail.com

Tori & Ben's Farm Shop

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Kings Newton Lane DE73 8DD
01332 865698

Our values are simple: passion, provenance and responsible farming: Environment and food growing together. Our pride and enthusiasm lives through our livestock, producing the best beef and lamb in the world from the best grass growing country on earth.

tori@toribandbensfarm.co.uk



The Hardinge Arms

4

Main Street, Kings Newton
info@hardinge-arms.co.uk
01332 863808



The Hardinge Arms, a traditional Inn with six letting rooms, serving good beers and fresh, seasonal food with excellent wines. "Excellent Bass & Timothy Taylor Bolt Maker, usually with a guest ale too. Dog friendly bar, with TV for sports events (the landlord often provides half-time snacks). Restaurant serves home-cooked pub grub. Great cosy, relaxed atmosphere" (customer review)

Melbourne Royal British Legion

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87 Derby Road DE73 8FE 01332 862574

melbournerbl@hotmail.com



Wedding Receptions, Christenings, Birthdays, Funerals all catered for. Live entertainment in function room, charity fundraising events for the Royal British Legion. Committee Meetings and many other uses. 120 people capacity. Live music, disco, snooker table, board games and licensed bar.

Zeerah

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61 Derby Road DE73 8FE

01332 864135

zeerahsatmelbourne@gmail.com

We offer authentic Indian cuisine, where you will enjoy a meal that is refreshingly different. Our award-winning chef offers a wide range of mouth-watering dishes from our extensive and acclaimed menu



Kana Kazana

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71 Derby Road DE73 8FE

07456 541486

Newly opened Indian restaurant on the site and building of the former Dunicliffe's shoe factory.

www.kanakazana.co.uk



Amalfi White

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50 Derby Road DE73 8FE 01332 694890

hello@amalfiwhite.com



This vibrant 2 AA Rosette restaurant and cocktail bar is housed in a beautiful renovated Victorian building in Melbourne, Derbyshire. Licensed for weddings the magnificent Amalfi White Ballroom on the 1st floor is perfect for weddings and private parties with its glittering chandeliers and elegant private bar. A huge Italian style garden is at the rear of the property.

The Alma Inn

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59 Derby Road DE73 8FE 01332 865607

"Fantastic place to go for a drink, great staff, very friendly, juke box a must, many a good night had and many more to come"
(customer review)



Melbourne Delicatessen and Kitchen

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37 Derby Road DE73 8FE
01332 468019

A delicious selection of Coffee, Cake, Bread, Cheese, Sandwiches, Savouries, Chocolates, Ice cream, Biscuits, Jams, Preserves, Pickles and Pastas.

Take away lunches Picnics and Buffets all catered for.

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hello@melbournedeliandkitchen.co.uk



Valentine & Wills

11

2 Blanch Croft,
DE73 8GG

“Can’t recommend this place enough! Great cocktails and gin, intimate yet cosy atmosphere with exceptional service. Will be back again soon” (customer review)

07812 391072



Meaks of Melbourne

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14 Derby Road DE73 8FE 01332

Meaks is café in the centre of Melbourne, open 7 days a week serving a range of various coffee, tea & milkshakes. Breakfast includes American style pancakes, full English breakfast & granola bowls whilst lunch includes jacket potatoes, sandwiches, ciabattas and specials. Venue is also available for event hire and catering.

MEAKS



info@meaks.co.uk

THE BARRY THOMAS

REAL ALE RAMBLE

Barry Thomas, Chair of the Melbourne Footpaths Group and a member of the Civic Society, Historical Research Group and Camra, takes you on a pleasant walk visiting pubs in Melbourne, Ingleby and Ticknall. Depending on your walking (and drinking) speed it's a walk of around two to three hours.

Start at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms in the High Street (free parking for those driving here); choose any of the real ale pubs in this guide for your first pint (or half) but start from here. Turn left into High Street and then turn right up through Thomas Cook Close to George St.

Carry on up George Street (It's worth stopping at the plaque to Thomas Cook on the spot of his birthplace opposite the top of Dunncliffe Lane) to the top of Victoria Street and walk through the footpath to Cockshut Lane (a cockshut was a large net used to catch woodcocks after sunset).

Take the field footpath and make your way towards the old Sir Francis Burdett, one of Melbourne's former pubs that sadly closed about 2000. Head up Breach Lane to the Ticknall Road which we cross to follow Wood End Lane. This was part of the old track from King's Newton to Repton. From Ingleby Toft (a good Viking name), the road peters out but follow the footpath which will take you past Robinwood Lakes and Robinwood Fishery, both on your left. At the end of the footpath turn right onto the road which takes you down to Ingleby Lane, turn left and take the road to Ingleby and the John Thompson public house for a glass of their home-brewed ales and take in the view of the fast-flowing River Trent.

From Ingleby we take the old bridleway through Stanton Wood, passing by Knowle Hill House (Landmark Trust), and soon hit Ingleby Lane. A little road walking takes us to the footpath to Ticknall parish church. From the church we skirt the cricket ground and head down Ashby Road to the Chequers pub, the final destination that serves a superb pint of Bass, our final destination.

We return to Melbourne by bus though the energetic might wish to take the Common road back to the town or, by turning left at Broadstone Lane, you can pick up the reservoir perimeter path back to Melbourne.

Monkey Stuff

Derby Road, Telephone: 07447 474875

A delightful cafe lounge with an attractive flower wall and velvet seating welcomes you for breakfast or lunch, cupcakes or pastries or simply catch up with friends over a freshly ground coffee or your favourite alcoholic tippie.

Also open on Thursday to Saturday evenings for drinks within a cosy and friendly atmosphere.

info@monkeystuff.co.uk

Open

Wed 10am - 4pm

Thur to Sat 10am - 10pm

Sun 10am - 12.30pm



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The Posh Off Licence

7 Derby Road DE73 8FE
07468 607739



Newly established shop in the centre of Melbourne with a wide variety of fine wines, spirits, ales and coffee served. Wine tasting, gin tasting nights available. info@theposhofflicence.com

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Shazza's Baps

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Castle Lane Industrial Estate DE73 8JB 07496 781119

Shazza's hot and cold catering van including breakfast cobs, burgers, cold cobs, paninis, jacket spuds, chips, wide selection of drinks and snacks. "Great atmosphere, friendly & fast service, lovely food, extremely clean and tidy! Fab place to grab some breakfast, lunch and a cuppa." (customer review) shazzasbaps@outlook.com

Melbourne Kitchen

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Castle Lane Industrial Estate DE73 8JB 01332 865088



Castle Lane Industrial Estate DE73 8JB 01332 865088

"Seriously hands down this is the best Chinese / Vietnamese take away in the whole Derby area. I have lived in Melbourne for 25 years and this is the place to go. Ribs are fantastic, fresh food that is cooked before your eyes by lovely friendly staff." (customer review)

Harpurs of Melbourne

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The introduction of exciting new menus, a new Head Chef and great friendly staff have transformed Harpur's into a stylish Bar and Restaurant, with lovely boutique accommodation, which not only attracts locals but also lots of visitors to South Derbyshire.

2 Derby Road DE73 8FE 01332 862134

info@harpursofmelbourne.co.uk



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The Staff of Life

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7 High Street, Ticknall DE73 7JH
 rervations@thestaffoflife.co.uk
 01332 862479



Our menus are straight forward and honest. We use the best, freshest and whenever possible, locally sourced produce. We love our drinks as much as we love our food. Our range of draught cask ales and lagers is unrivalled in the area with 4 perfectly conditioned real ales on tap including our regular gold medal winning Timothy Taylor Landlord.

The Chequers Inn

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27 High Street
 Ticknall DE73 7JH
 013322 864392

“Lovely Atmosphere, landlord very friendly and makes you welcome. It's cosy in the winter with open fires. Good choice of Wines & Beers to choose from. The pub has been transformed since the landlord took over”.

(customer review)



The Milking Parlour

D

Staunton Lane, Calke LE65 1RG
 01283 229194

Opened on 4th July 2020, The Milking Parlour is the Tollgate Brewery Tap, inside the rustic interior of an old dairy shed, overlooking the brewery itself and set within the stunning surrounds of the National Trusts Calke Abbey estate.

Family friendly. Parking available. Dogs (well behaved and on leads), walkers and cyclists welcome too

milkingparlour@tollgatebrewery.co.uk



Scoff and Shop

A



32 Main Street, Ticknall DE73 7JZ

The lovely man who owns the place was more than happy to help, made us a great cuppa tea and the cakes which he makes himself were truly very delicious! THIS IS A MUST DO ON A TRIP TO CALKE! Less than a 3 minute walk from the estate entrance and they not only do very very reasonably priced food, but also sell local produce! (customer review)

The Bay Tree

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4 Potter Street DE73 8HW 01332 863358
susie@baytreerestaurant.com

Providing new world cuisine at its best. We believe that 'fine dining' requires 'fine ingredients', this is why we only use the freshest produce. At the Bay Tree, we create beautiful dishes with wonderful flavours. So, whether the ingredients are sourced locally, or unique influences from far and wide, you can be sure of a treat!



Azorie Coffee

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Potters Yard DE73 8BX
07539269043

We are a local company specialising in Coffee "That's Smoother than a Tiger in a Tuxedo" Established for 12 years.

Available online, Farm shops, Artisan & Farmers Markets.

azorieblue@outlook.com



Wayne Spiers

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38 Market Place DE73 8DS
01332 862249

Melbourne's long established, traditional quality butcher with fresh meat and other produce including eggs and vegetables.



Tea at 3

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8 Potters Yard DE73 8HX
07818 257962

Delicious homemade occasion cakes, tea, coffee and bakes to order. Bespoke afternoon tea service in the comfort of your own home. Only the finest quality ingredients and local free-range eggs are used.

teaat3@outlook.com



Birds Bakery

22

7 Market Place DE73 8DS 01332 863286

Not only can you still get all the Birds bread, cream cakes and confectionery you've always loved, but we now also offer a range of take-away lunch foods including hot sausage cobs and many freshly baked products, coffees and sandwiches

getintouch@birdsofderby.co.uk



Forteys Melbourne

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Market Place



Forteys Melbourne sells great coffee, great food, great sweets, great ice-cream and great gifts. An indoor setting for the café or use the lovely and charming outside area

forteysmelbourne@gmail.com

Melbourne Fish & Chip Shop

29 Market Place DE73 8DS 01332 865583

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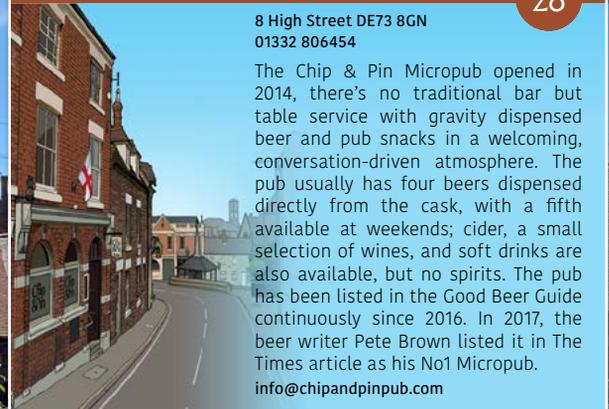
All food freshly cooked, pies, fish, chips, kebabs and burgers with peas, curry sauce all wrapped to take away. Bulk orders for events.

The Chip & Pin Micropub

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8 High Street DE73 8GN
01332 806454

The Chip & Pin Micropub opened in 2014, there's no traditional bar but table service with gravity dispensed beer and pub snacks in a welcoming, conversation-driven atmosphere. The pub usually has four beers dispensed directly from the cask, with a fifth available at weekends; cider, a small selection of wines, and soft drinks are also available, but no spirits. The pub has been listed in the Good Beer Guide continuously since 2016. In 2017, the beer writer Pete Brown listed it in The Times article as his No1 Micropub.
info@chipandpinpub.com



MB Pizza Place

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32 Market Place DE73 8DS
01332 863000

We offer meals of excellent quality and invite you to try our delicious food.

The key to our success is simple: providing quality consistent food that taste great every single time. We pride ourselves on serving our customers wide range of food such as pizzas, burgers, wraps and kebabs.



The Melbourne Inn

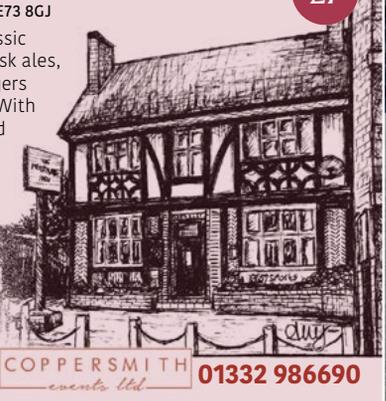
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High Street, Melbourne DE73 8GJ

A local pub serving classic pub food favourites, cask ales, a range of premium lagers and ciders and spirits. With a large beer garden and patio area, the inn is always ready to welcome customers with muddy boots and paws.

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The Assembly Rooms

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for more info:

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Melbourne Sports Park

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Cockshut Lane DE73 8DG 07966 933583

South Derbyshire's multi-sports facility on Cockshut Lane. The home of Melbourne RFC, Melbourne Town CC, Melbourne Dynamo FC and Melbourne Tennis Club. Bar open to non-members

mspavilion@outlook.com



Melbourne Outdoor Market

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High Street DE73 8GF 01332 863522

Great fresh food from many different suppliers. Fruit, veg, cheese, meat, tea, coffee, bread, cakes, fish, pies and lots more.

info@melbourneassemblyrooms.co.uk

Every Thursday 9am to 2pm



Heaths Farm Shop and Nursery

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Ashby Road DE73 8DN
01332 862645



info@heathsfarmshop.co.uk

We are a family run Farm Shop and Nursery in Melbourne, selling home grown and locally grown produce and pet supplies.

High Hill Chinese & Thai Take Away

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64 High Street DE73 8GF
01332 862530

"I started experimenting with take away food and this was a delight. High Hill has always excelled anyway - we are lucky to have a choice of two equally good but different Chinese food outlets in Melbourne." (customer review)



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The White Swan

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41 Castle Street
DE73 8DY
01332 862753



"Melbourne's oldest pub dating back to the 16th century retains much of its original character. There is always a warm welcome and friendly conversation with a wide selection of cask beers. This is a dog friendly pub set in the heart of the village" (customer review)

The Spirit Vaults

35

53 Church Street DE73 8EJ
013322 300542
matt@thespiritvaults.pub

"What a place it's absolutely gorgeous the ales are fantastic the Morgan's was the best pint I've had; the bar staff are so friendly. Food is great and the rooms are lovely, what a transformation I can't wait to go back, an all-round excellent pub plus you see all the ales brewed in their own brewery. Just amazing" (customer review)



Stable Ales

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Melbourne Hall Visitor Centre DE73 8EB 01332 897374



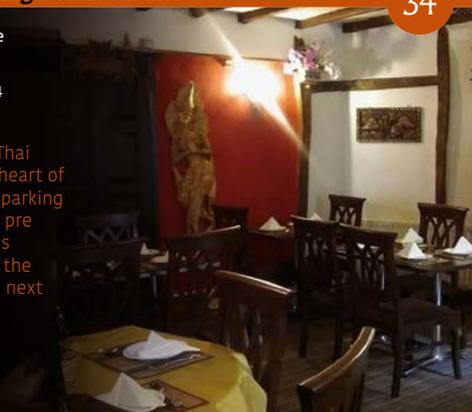
"A lovely little stable, tucked away in the courtyard at Melbourne Hall. It offers a great selection of different ales, ciders and even the odd gin. The owner is friendly and knows his ales. Well worth a visit" (customer review) sales@stableales.co.uk

Thai Village Restaurant

34

Castle Square
DE73 8DY
01332 865544

Traditional Thai food in the heart of Melbourne, parking outside and pre dinner drinks available at the White Swan next door.



Melbourne Hall Tea Rooms

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Melbourne Hall Visitors Centre
DE73 8EB 01332 864224



A traditional Tea Room offering breakfast, light lunches and afternoon teas in the grounds of Melbourne Hall. "Leisurely breakfast in the tea rooms before a stroll around Melbourne. Well cooked, tasty with good ingredients. Staff were welcoming and friendly with quick service in a relaxed atmosphere". (customer review)

The Parish Council are proud to be supporting this guide and I hope you enjoy your visit to Melbourne. I consider myself lucky to have been born here and never moved away. Even in my life there have been many changes locally with the closure of many of our traditional industries that employed so many people; not the least of the changes is how few traditional pubs there are compared to fifty years ago. In a sign of the changing times, you will find as many places to have a coffee nowadays. That's not to say that Melbourne hasn't developed and, in our parish, you will find some great places to live, eat and drink with award winning pubs and restaurants, shops that are always worth a look around, some great countryside and a welcoming community.

Sheila Hicklin

Leader, Melbourne Parish Council



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