

Dog & Bee Pub brings a little piece of Britain deep in the heart of Texas



This summer, Beeville residents will get a taste of the U.K. right in their own backyards with the opening of The Dog & Bee Public House, a full-tilt British experience located at 119 N Washington St.

From its antique bar top shipped in from the U.K. to its imported, life-size double-decker London bus, the new bar and restaurant will feature all things British. Authentic pub grub from traditional British home recipes, as well as American and local TexMex fare, will be served amongst antique fireplaces, Chesterfield sofas, Gothic

church pews and other original British décor. Beeville resident Brenda Hughes, the visionary behind the concept, decided to open Dog & Bee after traveling extensively throughout Europe and the U.K.

“I have traveled all over Europe and have fallen in love with British pubs. There’s something so welcoming about them, like you’re part of a family when you come in,” Hughes says. “I’ve collected inspiration and picked up authentic British memorabilia every time I visit, and can’t wait to replicate a little piece of Britain right here in Beeville.”

Set to open in June, Dog & Bee Pub staff members will be adorned with Tartan kilts and honeycomb-shaped leather sporrans, or kilt bags. State-of-the-art HD TV’s in every room will broadcast the biggest sporting events and live local bands will play great monthly themed events. Additionally, meeting facilities will offer a fun and unique atmosphere for corporate or social gatherings. Patrons can even take a piece of their experience home with them by picking up a souvenir from the pub’s retail store which features beautiful British antiques.

Beeville residents can expect a brilliant grand opening, featuring live music and authentic knights in armor on horseback. The pub complex will also feature The Olde English Coffee Shoppe, which will offer an alternative for those who’d rather avoid the risk of becoming “mullered” (that’s “intoxicated” for all you non-Brits!).

The Dog & Bee Public House is taking pointers from San-Antonio based Mad Dogs British Pub, a popular British-themed pub founded by U.K. natives that has delighted patrons in the San Antonio area since 1995. The executive team from Mad Dogs is working alongside Hughes to offer their expertise and ensure that

the Beeville experiences is authentically British.

Hughes hopes the pub will enhance the entertainment options available to Beeville and educate locals on the hospitality style of British pubs. The recent drilling of an oil and gas pocket has been hailed as an economic surge for the Beeville area. Known as the “Eagle Ford Shale Oil Boom,” it has increased demand for improved Beeville facilities and makes Dog & Bee the perfect addition to the local economy at the perfect time.

“Beeville is a small town, and it’s exciting to bring such a new and interesting international product to the local market,” Hughes says. “I can’t wait to share my passion for all things British with the community - it’s bloody exciting!”

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