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Establishment Details	
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Style, e.g. Pub, Indian, American, etc	Value for Money Pub
Is it family friendly?	Yes.....ish. Well it is loud with no airs and graces and kids are welcome. Large kids menu and a choice of booster seats (with no straps) or high chair, but no play area or fun packs to play with.
What is disabled access like?	Steps to the front and back down to the main area, but disabled access to rear. Staff did put a lady on crutches in an area up extra stairs which seemed thoughtless.

Food	
What food did you have?	<p>Ok, the good stuff. I had Surf and Turf, which was 8oz Rump with Scampi, chips and peas. My wife had Italian Chicken, which was a breaded chicken breast set topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese served with chips, coleslaw and salad. Little Sam had kids pasta with garlic bread.</p> <p>We also managed to fit in a pudding! I had a Mega Chocolate Sundae, Wendy had Chocolate Fudge cake and Sam had ice cream topped with Chocolate sauce and chocolate buttons (can you spot the theme?)</p>
What did it taste like?	<p>Lets start with the good news, Wendy finished most of hers and Sam didn't spit his out. I have to say that my Surf was ok (glowing praise indeed) and the chips tasted like all good frozen chips do, of nothing – but I have to say the Chef had done wonders with the fryer and they were cooked well. My Turf or 8oz rump was cooked as I asked (medium rare) but I would have preferred actual turf than the piece of leather I was served with. I tried my best to eat this to be polite but god it was woeful, I even left chips as they</p>






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	<p>were bland.</p> <p>Wendy said hers was ok, but would have preferred the chicken not to be covered in breadcrumbs. I fear that if it hadn't been covered in breadcrumbs the chef would have been forced to actually cook it rather than deep fry it. The sauce literally tasted of tomatoes and nothing else. The side salad consisted on lettuce and coleslaw, yes just lettuce. Perhaps the chef was a fan of minimalist food arrangement?!</p> <p>Sam didn't complain, but then his current vocabulary doesn't extend much beyond Wee Wee and he has been known to drink shampoo, so he is not perhaps the best judge?</p> <p>As for the puddings, mine came with Strawberry ice cream – even though it wasn't in the description and I don't like strawberry ice cream. Wendy's Chocolate Fudge Cake was nice, but it had been nuked in the microwave!!</p>
How hot was it?	Here they score well. The food was served at a good temperature.
What was the choice of menu like?	There was a very good range of food or all types, from steaks to casseroles and curries, plus salads and pastas.
Who are they in competition with and how do they fair against them?	These are in direct competition with the likes of Brewers Fayre, Sizzle Platters etc, but they are a long way behind the clear winners in the field, Wetherspoons.
Was there a healthy option?	Not really, I am sure most of the food was fried. You could opt for a Jacket or Salad, but when you consider the salad consisted of lettuce and coleslaw it was neither appetising nor healthy. I saw a Jacket potato and it looked like it had been speed dating with a microwave – very pale and yucky!
Overall Food Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

**Service**

What was the mood of staff? E.g.	Staff were borderline friendly to robotic.
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Happy, Sad?	The lady who you ordered the food with was intent on getting as many orders as quickly as possible – even if there wasn't a queue. The bar staff were very friendly and polite. The waitress was friendly enough, but at no point did any of the staff ask how my meal was (even though I left most of it).
How fast/efficient was the service?	Service was ultra fast and great for kids.
Did they offer waiter service?	You order at the bar and they bring the food to your table. You are unable to open a tab or order food and drink at the same time – this is a real pain!
What was the atmosphere like?	Ok, pretty much every family pub vibe
Overall Service Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

Value	
Did they have any special offers?	The whole place must survive on the special offer of buy one main meal and get one free – yes it is that simple, you get the cheapest one free.
Was there a wide range of options?	Would be nice to see a special dish, but none available
How much did it cost?	It came to £28 including a glass of white wine spritzer, a pint of cider and a fruit shooter. This is good value if you choose something that has been fried (you can't go wrong)
Was this good value for money?	Yes, if you can actually stomach the food! If I ever went back I would choose a dish that they can't do wrong – fish and chips, etc.
Overall Value Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

Summary	
Name of Reviewer:	Daniel Fearnley
Date of Visit:	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2007
What is your overall summary?	Good range of food is not backed up by quality. This place does not sell itself on quality though, the fact the staff

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	don't even ask how the food is tells you something. Stay clear of fancy food and stick to the stuff that goes through the fryer and you will get a good value pub grub style food.
Would you recommend to others?	No, there are simply better places to go for budget food. Try Wetherspoons or the Castle Tavern in Gosport.
Overall Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None 
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weak 
	<input type="checkbox"/> Average 
	<input type="checkbox"/> Good 
	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong 