



# WHAT'S ON

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## This February



# Highlights



# Welcome



A very warm welcome to our February Newsletter!  
Find details of our special offers, Valentine's Day  
cocktails and more.



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# Valentine's Day at

Charlotte's



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*&*

*Hate*

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Bisous Bisous

Death Becomes Them

Kiss From a Rose

I Wish I'd Never Met Your  
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*Cheers to a bubbly start to the year!*

We have a selection of Drappier Champagne, non-alcoholic sparkling wine and Kombucha.

Keep the fizz flowing with a 10% discount on these delights throughout February!

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If you're a TN Card member you can also enjoy 20% off bottles of Drappier Champagne throughout February.

This is available for purchase either takeaway or as part of your experience at Charlotte's.





## Pull up a seat by the bar

“I always say sitting at the bar is like being at the chef’s table. It’s a very intimate experience.” - Adam in our [@somagazines](#) interview from October last year.

Read the full interview [here](#)



PHOTOS BY DAVID BARTHOLOMEW

# At your service

Since opening at the end of April this year, **Charlotte's In The Pantiles** has been a runaway success. **Eileen Leahy** spoke to its talented team about why it's proving so popular with the discerning drinkers and diners in Tunbridge Wells – and beyond...

**F**or a project that has been a very long time in the planning – over two years to be exact – the impressive success of Charlotte's cocktail bar and restaurant in The Pantiles has been achieved at lightning speed.

Having only opened its polished monogrammed glass doors at the end of April it is, in the words of its Operations Director Adam Peters-Ennis, 'totally smashing' its targets on a weekly basis and as a result swiftly established itself as one of the places to see and be seen in Tunbridge Wells...

"On opening we really did hit the ground running, so it will be nice to eventually take a breath and regroup," smiles Adam as we sit down to chat at one of Charlotte's smart alfresco tables. Given it's a post-summer Monday morning in September the place

is buzzing with guests sipping their lattes and flat whites – sourced from the nearby Tunbridge Wells Coffee Roastery – and enjoying the establishment's all-round excellent service.

Later in the day Charlotte's switches up its morning offering to serve guests an impressive range of drinks, with a focus on quality cocktails – more of which later. The establishment's food menu boasts a selection of on-trend tapas-style seasonal sharing plates which are regularly changed to reflect the season.

"I think in essence we have created a high-end hospitality offering," says Adam, who has worked in the drinks industry for over 20 years. His career CV is hugely impressive as he's helped launch some of the capital's best-known bars including Hakkasan, Isola, Nobu Berkeley St and

*"We are so thrilled to have created a high-end hospitality offering here in Tunbridge Wells"*



The Connaught.

Adam trained under the legendary late Dick Bradsell, who was responsible for creating some of the most famous modern-day cocktail classics including the Espresso Martini, the Russian Spring Punch and the Bramble.

Musing on the success of Charlotte's so far he adds: "I guess we've had a perfect storm of opening just before the summer, which this year had lots of sunny Bank Holidays, enjoying a mini-heatwave in September and the fact we're offering something just that little bit different to everyone else."

It's no wonder that Charlotte's founder and Creative Director Emma Wright, was able to turn the vision she had of creating an upmarket cocktail bar here in Tunbridge Wells into a reality courtesy of Adam's expert

knowledge. But she also credits the overall team and also a slew of excellent local suppliers and a little sprinkling of serendipity for turning an idea into a bricks-and-mortar business.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Charlotte is owner Emma Wright's middle name. The double-C logo pays homage to the original establishment that occupied the beloved Pantiles building. It was previously called Cadena Café, which was part of a chain of coffee houses that began life in southwest England during the early 1900s. The original entwined Cs logo from that period can be found on The Pantiles clock as well as in an original mosaic on the London Road entrance to Charlotte's.

"We had the idea for Charlotte's during lockdown, which might seem crazy to most!" she tells me.

"We (the founders) collectively had this vision to create a unique city-style cocktail bar and eatery which we just couldn't let rest."

"So when the perfect location became available, offering us the chance to own a historic building which includes the famous Pantiles Clock, we couldn't resist making it a reality."

Adam confirms that lockdown was indeed the perfect time to think about doing something like this given people were commuting less and wanting to support local businesses.

"Before the pandemic struck, Tunbridge Wells was very much a commuter town with many people going out in the capital instead of here. So when residents couldn't do that as often it made sense to create something on the doorstep that would fill that void."

"Creating has always been something I've been passionate about," continues Emma. "I think this particular industry encapsulates everything that creation is about: the spaces, the experiences, the memories made there. It gives an incredible sense of achievement to create a destination where people go to have fun, socialise and experience first-class service in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. This

*How would you describe the essence of Charlotte's in three words?  
"Fun, luxury and community"*

is something which in lockdown we were passionate about reviving."

Emma adds that finding the location for Charlotte's, which is located right in the heart of The Pantiles was 'a moment of fate'.

"We'd been keeping an eye on what was available and when this period building turned up we all knew it was the one. We were set on The Pantiles as a location as it provides everything we were looking for in terms of combining a wonderful community spirit with a rich history."

"In fact, our logo pays homage to the branding of a business called 'Cadena Café', which was located in our building in 1902 and formed part of a larger chain of coffee houses in the south of England. The original entwined Cs logo of Cadena Café from the 1900s can be found on The Pantiles Clock, on the exterior of the building and in an original mosaic on the London Road entry to Charlotte's," adds Emma.

And in terms of how they came up with the name Charlotte's, Emma explains that it's her middle name. It's an inspired choice, paying homage to the history of The Pantiles by featuring the original double-Cs logo from the Cadena Café and using it in the branding for Charlotte's.

Once Emma had found her dream building she instructed local builders Charles Mills Construction to do the renovation work with the plan to launch Charlotte's at the end of 2022.



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But due to various supply issues courtesy of Covid hangers, as well as some tricky regulations due to the age of the building, Charlotte's ended up opening a lot later than first expected.

But, as Adam points out, that simply gave him the time to recruit the right people for the job. These include Eddie Lewis, General Manager, Connie Towers, Supervisor and Dan Armitage who is the Head Bartender.

"We've been so very lucky with the people we've got on board at Charlotte's. Everyone is so passionate about what they do," says Adam.

Another key member of the team is Adam's wife Vanessa, who is now the establishment's Front and Back of House Manager and is also a qualified interior designer.

"At the time of Emma approaching my then boss Sophie Stevens at SGS Design for the interiors at Charlotte's, she was introduced to Adam. Sophie knew him through me and would

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“The Pantiles is a great place for drinks with friends. You’ll usually find me at Charlotte’s for cocktails as they are always 10/10, plus the interiors are beautiful inside! I recommend the delicious food options too.”

## my TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Top Restaurants in Tunbridge Wells Pantiles to try!

### ♥ Charlotte's in the Pantiles

This brasserie-style bar and restaurant serves tapas-style food alongside cocktails and wine. They also do brunch on the weekends. It's a really buzzy place, and there's space to sit outside if it's sunny too.





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# *Join us this February*

Here's to the moments shared at Charlotte's, where every cocktail is crafted with care and every gathering is filled with warmth from our incredible team.

Cheers to creating memories that taste as good as they feel!

*Charlotte's*

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This cocktail bar is a new edition to The Pantiles and is well worth a visit, the three ladies that were waiting were excellent and you would struggle to get better service in The Four Seasons!  
Food was excellent try the flat bread and hummus with beetroot!

MARTIN ANDREWS



Fabulous and can't wait to return! Lovely friendly staff, delicious brunch menu and the restaurant is gorgeous.  
Special thanks to Vanessa who helped me arrange my friends 40th brunch over email! Highly recommend.  
(I had a newborn and the changing facilities were great/ often similar places skimp on this area. Happy mumma and baby)!

JODIE WADE