



AllWays Traveller

An *AllWays* alert to the Olive Branch and Beech House, Rutland UK

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An inn where everyone feels right at home

Rutland, which is England's smallest county, lies relatively undiscovered between its far larger neighbours Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

In Rutland's case small is most definitely beautiful, an unspoilt, rural delight that epitomises the English countryside at its best.

Small country towns, delightful villages, country walks and, in Rutland Water, the largest man made lake in the country.

A short break in Rutland offers the chance to forget the frantic bustle of every day life for a while.

The Olive Branch inn and the Beech House bed and breakfast in the Rutland village of Clipsham provides a wonderful base from which to explore Rutland.

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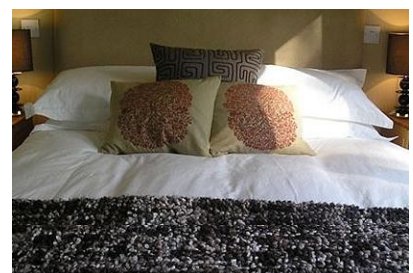


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All you could want from an English country inn

The Olive Branch was originally three farm labourers cottages which were knocked together to make a pub in 1890.

It is now one of the best inns in the area, serving traditional and innovative pub food along with fine wines and real ales on wooden kitchen tables by open fires or in the picture perfect beer garden.



Three local lads provide a warm welcome

The Olive Branch had been closed for three years when Sean Hope, Ben Jones and Marcus Welford, three local lads, decided to take on this old village pub in 1997.

A true labour of love, the three had a vision as to what the perfect English inn should offer by way of a warm welcome and good food and drink. – and they have achieved just that.



Sean Hope

With the wholehearted support of the Clipsham villagers (many of who have invested in the pub) the Olive Branch reopened in 2002.

It now provides a 'real local' for village residents and has gained a reputation that draws those looking for a great lunch or dinner from miles around.

And with the Beech House, its adjoining bed and breakfast, there is also the chance for visitors from far further a field to enjoy this English inn.

An ambassador for community and county

One of the many reasons why the Olive Branch is so popular is that its co-owner and head chef Sean Hope, is passionate about using the finest local produce.

Sean spends much of his time meeting with local suppliers to source the best food around be it free range beef and pork, locally baked bread or fresh fruit and vegetables.

It is no wonder, therefore, that Sean has been appointed Rutland Food Ambassador by Discover Rutland Tourism to promote the county's fine choice of food and drink.

Awards galore

The Olive Branch has also gained a national reputation for its food, real ales and choice wines.

In addition to the restaurant's Michelin star, the Olive Branch has been voted :

- the *Michelin Pub of the Year* (2008)
- *Good Pub Guide Inn of the Year* (2008), and
- *Best Wine List of 2004' in the Good Pub Guide.*

It also has a *Cask Marque* certificate of excellence for the serving of real ales.

Beech House

Beech House, which sits opposite the Olive Branch, is an example of an English bed and breakfast at its very best.



Six bedrooms and suites, named chocolate, biscuit, berry, apple, aubergine and double cream are all individually and exquisitely decorated to the highest standards.

All ground floor rooms come with a patio area.



The excellent breakfast (again with locally sourced produce) is served in the Olive Branch.

The Red Lion Inn, Stathern, Leicestershire

Ben, Sean and Marcus bought their second pub, the Red Lion Inn at Stathern, Leicestershire in April 2002.

The Red Lion Inn has enjoyed the same success as the Olive Branch.

In 2006 it was voted the AA Pub of the Year and also won Best Local Produce Menu in 2007.

Marcus, who now runs the pub, was voted 'Best Pub Landlord 2009' by olive magazine.

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