



# FOOD, DRINK & GETTING ABOUT – AT A GLANCE



**First Light Hotel**  
Self Catering Accommodation

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**First Light Hotel** is a self-catering property and we do not operate a bar or restaurant on-site. Fortunately we're surrounded by a great selection of local bars, pubs and eateries.

In this guide you'll find a quick-reference list of nearby options complete with website links and contact numbers to make planning easy. Where no website is listed, they can be found on Facebook or Trip Advisor. We've also included a few of our personal favourites - spotlighting some must-try foodie experiences we love to enjoy whenever we're in town.

**If you are using our lovely kitchen to cook your own food in then it is open from 6am-10pm to allow guests in rooms above and adjacent to have some quiet. Out of these times the door codes will not work.**



*Nathan & Sally*

Owners of First Light Hotel

## TRAVEL

### Bus:

Buses operate outside the Tramway pub to Southwold, Lowestoft and beyond

### Taxi:

If you need a taxi, call 51 taxis, 01502 515151

### Walking:

There is lots to do within walking distance if you fancy a few cold ones, wish to avoid the expense of a taxi or would prefer to eat alfresco in our garden

## TURNING LEFT OUT OF THE HOTEL

By car, Pakefield roundabout is 3 minutes, Kessingland is 10 minutes, Oulton Broad is 15 minutes, Southwold is 22 minutes.

### WALKING:

Turning left out of the hotel Pakefield roundabout with all the below facilities is a 10-15 minute walk.

### FOOD SHOPPING:

**Morrisons Supermarket**, Pakefield, is 5 minutes by car and has got everything you should need including free cash point, ready meals, essentials, toiletries, alcohol, snacks and gifts.

**Sainsbury's Supermarket**, opposite Morrisons, is brand new to the town so gives you a choice of large supermarkets with a decent selection of quality ready meals.

**World of Fish** - is a traditional fishmongers and has an incredible selection of fresh and smoked fish as well as a great shellfish selection. Closed Sunday and Monday.

[www.world-of-fish.co.uk](http://www.world-of-fish.co.uk)

01502 517171

### FAST FOOD:

**McDonalds, Greggs, Costa** - all at Pakefield roundabout, all with drive through facilities. **Pizza Hut Restaurant** is situated just beyond Pakefield roundabout.

### RESTAURANTS & PUBS

#### Kessingland:

**The Waterfront**, 310 Church Road, Kessingland.

Paella on a Wednesday. Nice for a Sunday lunch. 01502 741525

#### Oulton Broad:

**The Copper Smokehouse** - Grills & Steaks.

[www.thecoppersmokehouse.co.uk](http://www.thecoppersmokehouse.co.uk)

01502 589843

**The Commodore Pub** - The best sundown drinks and pub food.

[www.moss-co.com/locations/the-commodore](http://www.moss-co.com/locations/the-commodore)

01502 440537

#### Southwold:

**The Swan** - Adnams flagship operation.

[www.theswansouthwold.co.uk/food-drink](http://www.theswansouthwold.co.uk/food-drink)

01502 722186

**The Crown** - Adnams second hotel.

[www.thecrownsouthwold.co.uk/food](http://www.thecrownsouthwold.co.uk/food)

01502 722275

**The Red Lion** - Our favourite pub, great grub.

[www.theredlionsouthwold.co.uk](http://www.theredlionsouthwold.co.uk)

01502 723227

**Sole Bay Fish Company & Little Fish Chip Shop**

[www.solebayfishco.co.uk](http://www.solebayfishco.co.uk)

01502 724241



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Pakefield Beach, below The Jolly Sailors.

## TURNING RIGHT OUT OF THE HOTEL

By car, Pakefield Cliffs are 3 minutes, Kirkley is 5 minutes, Lowestoft beachfront is 10 minutes, Gorleston seafront is 18 minutes, Great Yarmouth is 25 minutes.

### WALKING:

Pakefield centre is 3 minutes, Pakefield cliffs are 10 minutes, Kirkley is 15 minutes, Lowestoft beach is 20 minutes.

### FOOD SHOPPING:

**Co-op Supermarket**, Pakefield has a good range of ready meals, free cash point, essentials, toiletries, alcohol, snacks and gifts.

**Kirkley High Street** has another **Co-op** and Lowestoft Town Centre has an array of shops.

### FAST FOOD:

**Mr Chips** - A 3-minute walk - serves excellent kebabs, burgers and fried fish & chips.

**Pakefield Tandoori** - A 3-minute walk.

**Chans Super Kitchen** - Cantonese & Peking Cuisine, 3-minute walk.

**KFC** - Bottom of Kirkley High Street - has a drive through facility (5 minutes by car).

**TACO Bell** - Bottom of Lowestoft high street (10 minutes by car).

### RESTAURANTS & PUBS

#### Pakefield:

**Oddfellows Pub** - A quiet lovely pub supported by locals. they also serve pub food. 01502 538415

**The Ship Pub** - A 5-minute walk, best all round, sport TV, decent pub grub, great beer selection. 01502 451834

**Pakefield Pantry** - A 3-minute walk for cooked breakfasts, lunch and dinner menu selections. 07845 010893

**The Jolly Sailors** - Best for views out to sea, decent pub grub, wine and beer selection.  
www.moss-co.com/locations/the-jolly-sailors-pakefield 01502 531418

#### Lowestoft Beach Front:

**Sunrise @ZAKS** - A 10-minute early morning walk to watch the sun come up on the beach for a quality coffee and a bacon sarnie.

**Claremont Pier** - For fish & chips, ice creams, sun terraces, live music.  
www.claremont-pier.co.uk

**Iconic** - Steaks, grills and burgers.  
www.iconiclowestoft.co.uk 01502 585642

#### Lowestoft High Street:

**Lowestoft Tandoori** - Regarded as Lowestoft's best Indian.  
www.lowestofttandoori.co.uk 01502 511818

**JoJo's** - Best for burgers and grills.  
www.jojoskitchenandbar.co.uk 01502 584697

**Mark G's** - Exceptional fish cookery.  
www.markgee.uk 01502 219956



Mark G's, Lowestoft High Street.



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# NATHAN & SALLY – RECOMMEND



**Nathan & Sally have over 50 years hospitality knowledge.**

Nathan trained as a chef and got his diploma in hotel management at Lowestoft College. Sally was a graduate trainee at Harrods before heading up the retail catering operation at Selfridges. Sally and Nathan met when working at Nathan's foodservice company in London. Below are their personal recommendations for eating in the area, which they do a lot.

## NATHAN EXPLAINS:

"We made the decision to close our restaurant and bar due to ongoing challenges such as staffing shortages, rising energy costs, and a limited demand for fine dining in the local community.

Instead, we've transformed the hotel into a self-catering operation and are passionate about supporting local, independently run hospitality businesses. That's why we created this guide - to help you discover some of our favourite places to eat nearby."

### Breakfast

We usually skip this, but are partial to an egg & sausage **McMuffin** from the golden arches brand. Recently a local café called **Pakefield Pantry** has opened serving cooked breakfasts just a stones through from the hotel (turn right) and it has been getting rave reviews.

But for us our spotlight would be **SUNRISE@Zaks** down on the beach front for a bacon buttie and a flat white coffee.

### Quick & Easy

**Mr Chips** was discovered by Nathan when refurbishing the hotel. Having grown up in a local chip shop, Nathan is really impressed with the quality of fish and chips. He suggests sharing a portion of chips (which are quite exceptional) as the portions are huge and the haddock excellent. Why not try this with a bottle of chilled Chablis from the **Co-op** next door and sit in our secluded garden?

**Mr Chips** also does superb chicken and lamb kebabs; Nathan suggests asking for the chilli sauce and garlic sauce served separately. **Mention Nathan and that you are staying at The First Light Hotel, and you might get a treat!** Cold beers from the Co-op next door.

### PUB Life

Our favourite, locally is **The Ship** in Stradbroke Road. Take the path opposite the hotel entrance and then turn left on to Stradbroke Road. The guest ales rotate regularly here but the backdrop offer of lagers, beers and ales are all recognisable top brands. Food here is very good, you will probably need to book for a Sunday lunch. All the sports channels are available, and the big fixtures are shown. **Ask for Donna & Carl and say that Nathan and Sally recommended it you and you are staying at the First Light Hotel.**

Alternatively, we often get the bus to Southwold for lunch or dinner and go to our friend's pub, **The Red Lion** in Southwold. This serves all the Adnams beer, wine and spirits brands and does decent pub grub. Best to call in advance and book as it gets busy.

If you want a beautiful open water place for sundown, try **The Commodore** in Oulton Broad and if you want to view the sea from the cliff tops we suggest **The Jolly Sailors**, which often has live music on a Saturday / Sunday. Both are operations of the local Moss & Co brand serving food also.

### Restaurants

For us, the best restaurant in town is **Mark G's**. You will need a taxi for this as it is at the top end of the town centre high street. Mark went to college with Nathan and is an exceptional chef, specialising in fish cookery. Mark and his partner Jo have also curated a wine bar next door called **GG's Bistro** for smaller tapas style plates. Book in advance to be sure to get a seat and **ask for Mark or Jo and do let them know that you are staying at First Light Hotel.**

If fine dining is your thing, then visit our former chef Terry at **The Swan** in Southwold. There are two restaurants here, one serving fine dining and the other serving decent pub bistro food. Further up the high street is the sister hotel **The Crown**, serving brasserie style dishes for lunch and dinner.

If you are not driving, a taxi is expensive at around £25 each way. So why not grab a pint at **The Tramway** and get a bus to Southwold, check times of services.

If you fancy a burger and cocktails, then we recommend **JoJo's** at 93 High St, Lowestoft.

If you are looking for something spicy then try **Lowestoft Tandoori**. Both these establishments also do take aways if you wanted to chill in the back garden and stay closer to home.



The Swan, Southwold.



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