

SALTSHEAD NEWS

Box-B: restaurant write-up

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Meal for two, including drinks and service: around £48

Quitting well-paid jobs in the City to follow a dream may seem mad, but for the owners of Box-B in Saltshead it was the start of an amazing journey.

Glenn Parton and Carrie Evans started talking about opening their own place back in 2018. They never really believed that their plan might one day come true. The school friends decided that the time had come to see if they had what it takes to open a successful restaurant. They toured across the southern states of America determined to become barbecue gurus. Six months later they were back, having eaten their way across the continent.

'If there's one thing the Americans know how to do, it's cook beef,' laughs Evans. 'We ate steak in fifteen states and every meal was mind-blowing.'

Back in the UK they needed a place to stay and friends offered them the use of a caravan on the south coast. The local pub was struggling to find staff which provided Parton and Evans with the perfect opportunity. They dug a pit in the pub garden, stuck a grill on it and started to practise their recipes. Their food was instantly a big hit with the tourists.

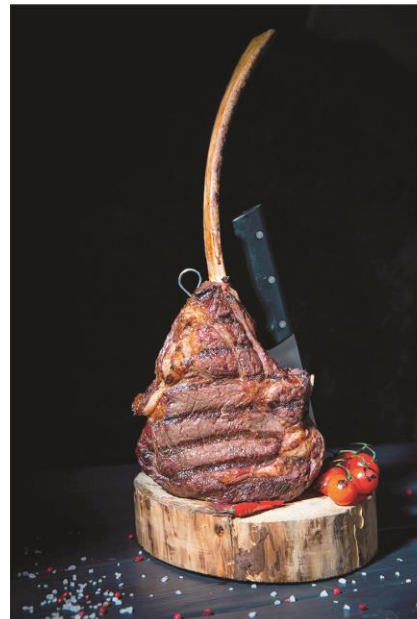
Pop-up events were a natural next step, so the following summer the couple spent every weekend at a different festival.

'We were having a great time,' Parton explains. 'But we needed to establish some roots and build a reputation somewhere permanent.'

In 2020 they took the plunge and opened a bricks and mortar restaurant. 'The timing stank but somehow we've survived,' Parton and Evans comment. 'The area had suffered from high unemployment but the locals were ready for something new.'

Box-B won Best Restaurant in the South West last week and it's easy to see why. They are fast gaining a reputation as the best place to go to for quality ingredients cooked 'low and slow'. Putting passion on a plate seems to be working. Customers are queuing up to try this genuine Southern soul food.

'It's a riches to rags story,' the friends joke. 'Before, we were bored of the 9-5, but now we can honestly say we've never been happier.'



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Box-B is the perfect place to have a flexible job or a long-term career. We will offer you exciting opportunities from the moment you join us. Specialised training and a varied package of benefits make us the right choice for your next employment decision. We have everything you need to ensure you succeed in hospitality. So, if you want to work for an employer where you feel supported, recognised and rewarded, apply to Box-B today!

Some of our benefits

-  Staff discount
We love our food and we want you to enjoy it too. You'll receive a free meal every time you work a 4-hour shift. Plus, you'll get a 33% discount for you and up to five friends every time you dine with us.
-  Pension plan
Retirement may be a long way off, but we offer a pension plan that helps you to save for the future. You get up to 6% employer contribution (role dependent).
-  Refer a friend
We know you're going to love working with us. If you recommend a friend you'll receive up to £1000 as a signing bonus when they complete their first 6 months.

A world of opportunities



Dan joined us when we opened our first permanent site in 2020 as an apprentice. Since then he's been promoted 3 times in 18 months – something we think is worth shouting about. We offered Dan the opportunity to take a Level 2 Food and Production course which he jumped at. The skills he gained gave him the confidence to manage a team and last month he became our new Kitchen Manager. Just think where a career with Box-B could take you. The sky's the limit!

Current vacancies

<p>Box-B Kitchen Porter Salary: Competitive Hours: Full time APPLY</p>	<p>Box-B Waiting Staff Salary: Competitive Hours: Weekends only APPLY</p>	<p>Box-B Chef Salary: Competitive Hours: Part time APPLY</p>
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