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Popular East Marsh pub reopens after two years

Celebrations all round as Mariner's Rest bucks the trend and opens on Grimsby's East Marsh

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The Mariners' Rest on Albion Street in Grimsby is back open under a new owner (Image: Grimsby Live)

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While hundreds of pubs are shutting down nationally one of the East Marsh's most popular haunts has reopened after two years in the dark.

Bold entrepreneur and popular entertainer, Lee Collins opened the Mariners' Rest and unveiled plans to open the function suite next month.

"We took it on for the sake of the locals and we want to bring the locals back in," told Lee.

He added: "It was my time to do something for the Freeman Street area. There is room for somewhere like The Mariners' Rest. It is a good sized function room and we are looking forward to having it opened up soon."



 Bar staff Gary Pullen at the newlook The Mariners Rest on Albion Street in Grimsby back open after two-year closure (Image: Jon Corken/Grimsby Live)

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In the face of the coronavirus crisis he has created four new jobs and opened up a large beer garden at the rear of the expansive bar and function room.

New signs have been erected including support for the local Grimsby Town squad with an 'Up The Mariners' plaque.

There are also a large number of portraits of Grimsby fishing vessels in a nod to the heritage of the area.

Lee said he had installed five new flatscreen TVs showing Sky and BT sports.



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"We want to get all the sports fans in to enjoy their football or rugby and snooker or whatever sport they are into," he said.

He added: "We have a new juke box and pool table and there is a brand new cellar and whole range of new pumps behind the bar. The whole place has been decorated professionally and we are strict on the social distancing measures and hand sanitisation throughout the premises."

The Mariners Rest is one of only very few places which has its own dedicated fogging machine to clean the whole bar area.

He aims to have the function room open within a month and people can make bookings through the Mariners Rest Facebook page.



 **Regular live entertainment is back on at the new look Mariners' Rest on Albion Street in Grimsby under new ownership** (Image: Grimsby Live)

Lee added: "Customers say they are pleased to be back and they are saying good things about the service."

With a long-standing career in entertainments and disco functions, lee is keen to give a platform to local talent.

He formerly ran The Barcelona in Cleethorpes, The Solway Club in Immingham and the old Oak Tree at Laceby.



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Up The Mariners is the mantra at the Mariner's Rest (Image: Grimsby Live)

On Friday evening visitors will be entertained by Ian Marshall and Eddie Soulfinger takes to the stage on Saturday night.

The premises also have disabled toilets and a large beer garden with new benches for customers to enjoy al fresco drinking.

Everyone is welcomed by barman Gary Pullen who said he was looking forward to welcoming everyone back. The Mariners' Rest will also host bingo sessions in the coming weeks and when further restrictions are lifted it will host karaoke sessions.

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