



WINTER WARMERS

Pubs. Poems. Positivity.

It's been a tough year for Pubs – so please accept this poem of thanks from Pub is The Hub and INN CROWD.

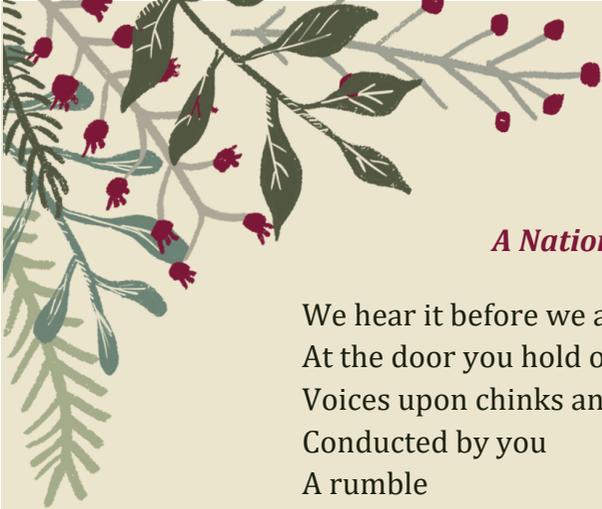
A personal message from our poet Alexandra Ewing...

As a publicans' daughter and a poet I know first-hand the dedication and love that is poured into running a pub. We applaud your hard work, your ingenuity, your commitment and passion. We toast the publicans who have remained integral to their communities: delivering meals on wheels, running online quizzes, opening village food stores, sending take aways and food parcels to people who are vulnerable or isolating.

We thank you for making sure the pub has remained a hub for local life.

Take a moment to savour this poem of gratitude...





The Public House Rumbles

By Alexandra Ewing

A National Poem of Thanks to Our Nation's Publicans

We hear it before we arrive
At the door you hold open like a beating heart
Voices upon chinks and clinks and sloshes and swills and bawling, singing sounds
Conducted by you
A rumble

Through the floorboards, within the walls, we feel your industry
The weaving of art and intuition with which you
Serve
Welcome
Embrace a world-sized room
With a rumble

Patience is poured
And joy rolled, tapped, lightly on the tongue fizzing with Coca-Cola from the gun and
So many stories, memory eddying in the air
Lifted in the rumble

Glinting against glasses you carry in shatter-less towers
Fuelled by barrels of generosity and curiosity
It smells like beer and smoke and cheese and cheer
And crinkles the way packets of crisps
Are shared between staff and strangers when the movement shifts
This rumble

Brave as whiskey
Bold as brass
A laugh like a bell
And a warmth unmatched, built hearth upon hearth
Your house rumbles

A hum, steady and strong
Brewed, stoppered, popped with applause
That heart open with song
Worn on your sleeve next to a hand all can grasp
Beating in rhythm to your rumble.



Winter Warmers is a collection of heart-warming poems written by seven outstanding poets.
The campaign aims to spread cheer and hope to pubs, publicans and their communities.
Connecting people for a positive start to 2021.

The campaign is a collaboration between INN CROWD and Pub is The Hub



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