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Brightonians drive far for good Pizza Pub

PEOPLE in Brighton & Hove are abandoning their local pubs and taking to the roads as their hunt for good pubs and good food sees the resurgence of the old fashioned 'weekend drive', says a leading insurer.

New research reveals that for many people the 'local' is no longer local. Just three in ten (29 per cent) say their regular drinking spot is the pub round the corner, and just 15 per cent eat at their local pub.

But Brightonians do love their pub grub. This is where The Nevill in Hove shines with its ambience and special Italian pizzas. The Nevill has been completely refurbished with a popular function room, a main bar and restaurant. The Function room is free to hire and a perfect venue for any occasion. At the back there is a lovely garden and play area for the children so it's ideal for a family outing.

Two thirds of us cite good food as the reason for choosing a pub, compared with just three per cent who say that location is most important. Of those that go out for a pub meal regularly (49 per cent), nearly half (44 per cent) will drive more than five to ten miles to guarantee good food at reasonable prices.

Those aged between 18 and 30 are the biggest fans of the gastro pub experience.

Two thirds regularly go out for a pub meal, with more than a third happy to travel for more than 10 miles. Jonathan & Vanessa Pendry took over The Nevill, Nevill Road, Hove in March 2010 and have since refurbished it at cost of £160,000.

The Nevill is part of the Spiritpubs Sussex owned by Jonathan Pendry - the concept of the pub is 'pub & pizza', which will be rolled out to future pubs.

The Nevill offers fun-days, barbecues, and supports several charities like the Martlets, Rotary Hove Lions. They recently held a fundraiser for two local customers taking part in a parachute jump for the Martlets Hospice, and also printed t-shirts for local people who were doing the London to Brighton bike ride for the British Heart Foundation.

Jonathan Pendry, Owner of the Nevill in Hove, says: "Here at the Nevill we are



servicing great food at reasonable prices, we are seeing the return of the weekend drive, as more and more people travel further afield to try out new places. We are also looking at the local population here in Hove

to pop in for the Best Italian Pizza as we offer weekly lively entertainment as well as great food, coffees, beers, wines."

If you want to find out more about the Nevill or make a booking, call 01273 558799.