

## **East Anglia**

### **Brickmakers, Norwich, Norfolk**

Five years ago, Pam South and her daughter, Charley, entered the trade after rumours abounded that their local pub, the Brickmakers, was about to close or be turned into a Wetherspoon's or a McDonald's. Pam explains: "It was one of the few pubs in Norwich that offered live music, and we were determined not to see another music pub close."

Pam and Charley took on the Enterprise Inns leasehold and have turned it into the place to hear live music from local up-and-coming bands and established performers.

The Brickmakers has two rooms given over to music, both kitted out with a sound system and stage. The pub's main room hosts the more established bands — around 30 appear every month. The other room is used more for those who haven't made it yet and more than 60 bands play every month to give them the experience of performing on stage.

Admission is free for customers except when the better-known and tribute bands appear, where the ceiling is usually £5. Charley remarks: "Bands choose us, instead of us having to go and see them. I get around eight emails per week from bands saying they want to play at the Brickmakers and asking us to listen to their music on MySpace."

The major event of the year is a one-day music festival held in August with more than 40 bands playing in one of the two rooms or in a marquee specially set up in the pub garden. All the money raised through admission fees is given to charity.



