

Dear Neighbour

We would like to introduce ourselves - we are Jim and Lucy Fisher, owners of Exeter Cookery School, to be opening in late June at 60 Haven Road, the old warehouse on the canal basin.

We wanted to allay any fears that may have arisen following our application to licence our premises and we would like to explain what we intend.

What we plan is simply a cookery school, offering half-day and day courses to the general public. There will be lots of different courses such as butchery, desserts, French bistro dishes to name but a few (for more information about our courses please see our website - www.exetercookeryschool.co.uk).

The hours may look extreme on the blue advert, but the council advised us to apply for the maximum hours during which we could operate. However, the application process gives no scope to explain the detail of what we mean.

Most days our courses will start around 9.00am and finish around 4.30pm. We will also be running some evening classes until 9.30pm but not every evening, and weekend classes but not every weekend.

We might have some background music from time to time during the day but nothing intrusive and, in fact, because of the thickness of the walls of the building, any daytime music is not likely to be audible from outside. We dislike loud music ourselves so will make sure this is not a nuisance.

We also hope to host occasional events such as charity fund-raisers. These will be strictly by invite only, so not open to general passers-by, and will be carefully organised so as to minimise any disruption to yourselves. Although we have asked permission to have live music, this will only be occasional.

We will be operating a "Challenge 25" policy so no under-age drinking can occur on our premises.

We are having a neighbourhood open evening on Thurs 26th May, 6.30pm - 9.30pm so please pop in, have a look around and ask us any questions.

We really do want to be able to live at peace with our neighbours and hope that you will see us as an asset to the Quayside.

Our best regards

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