WELCOME TO THE FAMOUS TOPSHAM TEN (or thereabouts)

A: THE BRIDGE
Marvellously folksy ancient pub by Clyst River CAMRA-recommended free house, large and changing choice of British real ales from the barrel. Open 12-2pm, 6-10.30pm. 6-11pm Fri/Sat, 7-10.30pm Sun. Frequent musical events..

cheffers.co.uk/bridge.html

B: DENLEYS
Open-plan wine bar style. Beer: Otter Ale, Otter Bright, nicely kept; Cobra, etc. Award-winning Essence of India restaurant (formerly Saffron) at rear; also Indian bar snacks. Friday live music. denleysessenceofindia.co.uk

C: DRAKES WINE & ALE HOUSE
Very popular, friendly (and often very crowded) 'mixers' pub. Home-cooked lunches 11am-2.30pm. Live acoustic music Fridays from 9 (open to 12). Beer: excellent real ales. Otter, London Pride, alongside a good general range. drakesoftopsham.co.uk

D: THE EXETER
A friendly modern styled locals' pub Darts and pool. Apart from regular Teignworthy Beachcomber is regular, with 2/3 others always on, in an excellent and changing selection - and since 2008 the Exeter has had a well-deserved entry in the Good Beer Guide. Games: Pool, darts, games machine, big-screen TV for sports events. Open late Fri/Sat. Note: no student groups after 9pm please.

E: THE GLOBE
Very nice traditional coaching inn. CAMRA recommended (Doom Bar, Otter Amber, Tribute, guest beers). Restaurant and table snacks. Folk Club on Sundays, check website for other musical events. Open to midnight Fri/Sat. globehotel.com

F: THE LIGHTER INN
Very popular spacious pub on Topsham Quay. Lunch/evening meals/sandwiches served at tables. Outside seating on quay. Good beer range from Badger: Best, Tanglefoot, Lemony Cricket.

G: LORD NELSON
Open-plan pub - refurbshed and reopened March 2010 - serving food lunchtime and evenings. Big-screen TV, Beer: Otter Ale, Exmoor. Mon-Fri, 10am-11pm, Sat: 9am-11pm, Sun: 9am-10pm

H: THE PASSAGE
Friendly pub and restaurant by Exe, encouraging both drinkers and diners, street and riverside patio seating too. Real ales straight from the barrel: Otter, London Pride, etc. Varied English/ Continental menu, local fish a speciality.

I: ROUTE 2
Previously the Steam Packet, reopened after renovation. Open 8am-8pm as a licensed cafe bar serving breakfast, teas and coffees, a variety of freshly-cooked modern-style food (e.g.pizzas, toasted bagels), homemade ice-cream, draught Doom Bar and various lagers and wines. Live musical events.

J: TOPSHAM WINE CELLAR
Continental-style vineyard wine cellar bar. Serves wines (Pebblebed, other Devon and selected imported), local bottled beer and imported lager. Food: "local tapas" platters of meats, cheese, pate and fish. Open Wed-Saturday 5:30-9:30pm, Saturday 11am-2:30pm, or by arrangement. Large groups welcome (up to 40) but call to reserve. pebblebed.co.uk

Welcome to the Topsham Ten.

If you are visiting Topsham, there are also a number of other excellent places serving food and drink, but this list comprises those where groups are welcome, generally without booking. Enjoy your visit - we ask only that you treat Topsham and its pubs responsibly and don't detract from others' enjoyment.

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About Topsham's pubs: once a major port, Topsham once had even more public houses than now. If you are interested in the history, visit the excellent website Exeter Through Your Beer Glass (www.exeterbeerglass.com/topsham). To read about Topsham itself, see www.topsham.org