

Well House Manor appeared on Four in a Bed on 9th January 2013
Here are selected comments from Digital Spy:

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Archived by Graham Ellis for my own personal pleasure when I'm old and looking back

This place does look lovely...

Cant believe these two are faffing about with their laptops!

The internet couple are annoying me already!

When I go to a guest house/hotel I always see how many power points there are & how to get on their wifi while my wife unpacks :D

I think they're addicted - and they originally met online, so that's obviously going to be their thing.

Tonight's place was rather nice.....I'd be quite happy to stay there for the weekend!

nuttytigger wrote: »

I missed why they take their laptops?

I'm guessing because they run a business. :D They may need to respond to booking requests, etc, while they're away. Depends on the size of their b&b I suppose - whether they have "staff".

But I only saw a bit of the episode because I had someone arrive to pick up some stuff so I'll have to watch it properly on +1.

The Blackpool house looks clean and a bit glam :)

Are the scottish men gay? Lovely castle.

The internet couple are going to be a problem , or an irritant

Chick is very proud of his achievements isn't he?

Jason seems rude and not appreciative of the advantages he has had.

I don't like them :o

Sheesh, just read some of Knock's reviews on TA and as a former hotel owner myself I think he is one of those mini-Capt Mainwarings who are a law unto themselves because they wear a hat with 'This is My Hotel' written on it.

To refuse a refund to a guest who could not attend because they'd been in a car accident...he talks about his 'policy' as though it is Magna Carta - he's the boss, he can bend the rules using discretion. Seems the type who sees the guests as getting in his way of running his hotel....I'd have got my credit card provider to recoup the money he took. His writing is poor too. What a chancer:mad:

I actually used to work in Knock Castle Hotel. Couldn't believe it when it came on yesterday!

Jason is a very arrogant man. Seeing him speak to the waiter like that was no surprise to me.

I know the show made it look like it was such a great place but that was quite misleading. They are struggling financially and I know for a fact Jason is working 16 hour days just to survive. The family actually have absolutely no prior experience in hotels. Jason's dad has taken a massive gamble. There's a lot of pressure on Jason to make it work.

God I would hate to take part in this singing thingy!

nuttytigger wrote: »

Looks like the Scottish guy is going to question tomorrows hosts relationship!

I'm slowly going off the two Scottish men

I think their payment decisions may be rather interesting... ;)

Of all the Blackpool b&bs that we've seen over the series, I think this one appeals most. Though the likelihood of me ever choosing to stay in Blackpool is... low. :D

Running up and down stairs with full English brekkies and trays of extra toast and coffee is bleddy hard work... :eek:

BTW, welcome to all the new contributors to this thread... really nice to see you :) and kewl to have a behind-the-scenes insight into Knock Castle, Parker-L... :cool:

Jeez!!! Just reading some of the management replies to the TA complaints is making me cringe at the grammar & the attitude from Jason towards guests is absolutely awful.

It's not rocket science to not bite the hand that feeds..

Christa Ellen wrote: »

Goodness, diplomacy, courtesy and tact are not Jason's middle names!

.....or a grasp of spelling, grammar and sentence syntax. At times, I wondered if English was his first language! The tone of the responses were also at odds with each other, sometimes desperately trying to be polite and at other times downright rude!

Mind you, the worst revues were back in 2009 and the best were as recent as this last weekend.

I liked Jason and Chick on day 1 but I think they've become increasingly smug as the week has gone on and it's not attractive.

And neither is Melksham. I know Melksham. It is a hole. Having said that, there's plenty to do and see in the area (providing you've got a car) and anyway, they have explained that they see it as a business hotel. Looks fine to me. I can see how a fridge in the room would lead one to expect a mini-bar but I'd far rather have a fridge in the room in which I can store a nice bottle of white wine rather than lots of minature spirits and mini-mixers at rip-off prices. And no £20 a bottle corkage charge either... :mad:

I think today's couple have identified their market, cater to it efficiently, and while it is a bit clinical, I'd rather have clean and clinical than lots of knicknacks and in-yer-face patterned wallpaper. And apart from an increasingly strong desire to cut off that daft pony tail framing its large bald spot, I thought today's hosts were perfectly pleasant.

But Melksham... :eek:

Knock castle may look very nice, but I would not want to stay there as Chick & Jason are such arrogant game players, It seems to be its Chicks way or no way
All the others seem really nice though, Would Glamp with Ben & Ceri any day

Not sure that such a misunderstanding from the forms has ever happened before. Should be interesting.

However, Chick and Jason's mission to pick fault with everything to score points is getting tedious.

One of the difficulties with the show is that too many B&B owners judge the others on what they want / would like personally and give no consideration to how well a B&B serves its chosen market, I daresay Lisa & Graham's place in Melksham will be a case in point as it has a distinct market and is not aimed purely at people on short breaks but is specifically geared to accommodating people attending their IT training centre.

At least the high-priced B&Bs usually get significant underpayments, so I really can't see Knock Castle doing too well, although Chick will surely underpay harshly (a) because of his competitiveness and gameplaying and (b) his forms were scored harshly too. Whether that will make enough of a difference in percentage terms when £60 v £320, we shall see....

I have twice (yes, TWICE!) spilt a mug of coffee over my keyboard at work. Fortunately our IT guy is a kind bloke who has yet to beat me with a stick for my carelessness... :o

Agree with general comments - I'm liking Chic less and less as the week progresses. Other couples seem OK - even creepy Graham (who reminds me of my friend's ex - also called Graham, also slightly weird...).

BirthdayGirl wrote: »

I hope the Yurts have power points :eek::p

I dont think Graham and Lisa mind. They have become my favourite couple by far. :)

Actually I'm :eek: :eek: by that :D

Agree. I think they're coming across really well. Plus their place was nice.

Second choice for me is Ben and his mate

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Cherrybomber wrote: »

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I agree.

Scottish blokes annoy me. Although I was a little bit impressed with their place but their attitudes have now put me off.

Blackpool lady is ok but her place wasnt great great

Yurt's were ok but not really my cup of tea (again, they've compared different properties - a castle and yurts :rolleyes:)

Therefore, Graham and Lisa, who have come across well, seem to have the nicest place (for me) this week

Funny how you change your opinion through the week. I didn't think Lisa and Graham were really my type of people at first, but seeing the whole week so far and reading their reviews on TA, I've warmed to them so much more.

The most telling review I think was from someone who stayed for about a month after their house was flooded.

Like some of the other comments, they pointed out how welcome they were made and how nothing was too much trouble.

Regardless of experience, that seems the true mark of someone suited to the hospitality industry.

Just watched on 4OD and I so agree I was ready to dimiss Graham and Lisa but they have come across as the most open and generous and really good hosts. Frankly Mr Perfect Chick

has developed an obnoxious side and Jason - I , like Ben dislike people who can't say please. Jo is a bit defensive and she has no need to as like many Blackpool land ladies she provides very good value. This is why I wish they would judge the B&Bs properly not just on personal likes and dislike but on the correct criteria..is this a good place to stay in Blackpool is I was visiting there ...not I never would go there? Is it good value? If I wanted a more luxurious Scottish weeked, if I was a business or IT customer..If I wanted to glamp this would be the one for me. I have an aversion to canvas now I am an old biddy but I would loved the yurt (if the loo were nearer)but not the bell tents as that would remind me of guide-camp! It's no use putting no as you have no intention of camping, you have to imagine if that did appeal to you. Otherwise like Chic (pea)LOL and Jace you just have to game play.

hope Graham and Lisa win, I've done a complete about turn on them and now really like them. They seem easy going and quite willing to get along with anyone - even Chick.

I think Ben and Keri's place was great if you like camping, but I can't see any of the others having paid near the full amount for their tents. If someone books to stay there, then they know what to expect and would probably really like the place. The extra charge for breakfast was understandable (if a little steep), as I think glamping is more self catering than b&b.

I really don't understand why Chick feels the need to pick on people. He doesn't approve of Graham and Lisa's business or relationship. He has constant digs at Keri because he's quiet. Chick isn't coming across as a particularly pleasant man.

Tommo781 wrote: »

Correct me if I have got this wrong.

Jo thought Chick and Jasons comments were from Ben & Keri. So she may have had it in for Ben & Keri when it came to payment.

Ben & Keri thought Chick and Jasons comments were from Jo, so they won't be very happy with her.

Could be fireworks tonight when they all realise Chick & Jason are the culprits! She's in for a shock tonight when she finds out that the comments were really from Chick, who she seems to think the sun shines out of.

Tommo781 wrote: »

BIB Which just goes to prove what we have said so many times before Sis! The show is a great chance to get free publicity reaching masses of people. Make the most of it to gain your own advantage. Chick is showing exactly how NOT to do it!.....

As has been shown time and again in this programme, it's easy to win the silly little plaque - just mark everyone else down. Of course, in doing so, you're showing just the sort of people you are, and I'd bet this is reflected in future bookings.

Many times, it's an establishment which doesn't win, but with owners whom viewers find agreeable, which comes out best.

Hi everyone..payday, ridiculously excited about a tv show.

Hello Wellho, yourself and Lisa have come across as sincere to me and took any criticism so far on the chin. I would wish you luck, but you know the outcome, which as others have mentioned, doesn't mean much if winning the plaque is achieved by gameplaying.

Can't believe I've been so looking forward to a b&b comp all afternoon...Cmon graham & lisa :-)

SolarSail wrote: »

Oh goodness.

I don't know who it is (seriously, really don't) and I don't want to look back incase I miss something tonight, or to have to tailor my comments

Am very impressed with Graham speaking up there and the lads too.

No, just watch the show and then read back the thread.

Its more fun that way :p

I have had to just jump in too.

Chick looking guilty. So he should. Him and that foul man he has brought up want to win and they have only just realised they have chosen to hurt other people to do it. Shameful.

I hope Graham and Lisa win showing Jason that being just plain old fashioned nice, even if its a bit geeky too, :D should never be underestimated

Sorry Graham, my post was meant for Chickpee.....:o

God how on earth did you not lose your cool with Chickpee and annoying son????

Not a warm feeling? Graham and Lisa's place looked lovely, clean, modern and completely appropriate.

I am feeling like punching chick and jason on the nose.

Oh good for Ben and Keri :)

Hollow victory...deffo g&l morally won!

Cherrybomber wrote: »

I do think Ben and Keris prices are very high for their offering.

I agree. £92 for what is really just a glam tent and having to cook your own breakfast is a bit steep.

Oh bugger. Chickpee won :mad:

Not a deserved winner. Should have been Graham and LIsa :(

And yes, you did morally win you two....

They are the least deserving winners I have ever seen on that show, if they had gone last in the competition, I think they might have come last.

Well, there's winning the prize of the picture for your wall and there's winning in terms of viewers' opinions and the feedback and publicity you gain for your business.

Chick thinks they won :confused: hhhmmmm

Be interesting to see how many bookings each establishment get from now on, after this week's show. I bet a few of them get more bookings.

Funny that the Scotties want 200 quid a room but begrudge paying 40 in Blackpool, Nutty will never show her face again.:D

Hi there - newbie to this thread but read this thread avidly each day this week, nodding at all the wise comments:D

Really peed off the Chick and Jason won by a measly 2%.

Like others here, I really warmed to Lisa and Graham and would stay at their place in a heartbeat. if I ever felt the need to stay at Blackpool, I would be happy to stay at Jo's and I'd even give the glamping a go if the weather could be guaranteed (they did not show any chairs in the tents/yurts they would be essential to me?)

As for Knock Castle - never in a million years. Jason may be a good chef but I believe you need to cook food with love - he didn't come across as someone with a lot of that in his heart and Chick just wants money. It was a joke that he said Lisa and Graham's place had no warmth!!!!

Sorry for long post:o

wellho wrote: »

Follow up post here on our blog now that the result is out. And I may be back and comment when our party's over.

A party? Are you having a screening party, how lovely.

I hope you do go canal boating, please tell me it's not with Chick and Jason.

I really thought you were quite right to explain that C&J were saying Jo's place was worth only 1/5 of what they were charging for Knock. Everyone can see their game, they must be quite stupid not to realise that, quite arrogant to think we are all that stupid and quite desperate to shamelessly attempt to cut their peers throats in order to be crowned victorious. Unfortunately, it will do them harm in the short term.

Jo's B&B looked great value, clean and friendly with good hospitality and if you want a weekend in Blackpool it will appeal, so I think she will do ok.

The lads are charging high prices for what they offer, but if that style appeals to you it will be worth it, they also came over as thoroughly decent guys so I think they too will have a positive outcome

Your place is just what I would like, modern, fresh, good quality and a very competitive price. I really dislike not having enough power points or a desk so you cater for my needs. I will be very surprised if you don't see a significant upturn from the publicity.

Out of this show, I believe the people who will do badly are the winners. When will they learn!

I am a long time friend of Lisa and Graham and can assure you all they are exactly as they came across on the show. Two of the most generous and lovely people you could ever want to know. In my eyes they won the hearts of everyone, and that is a very important victory indeed. The abuse by Chic and Jason making such a personal attack on them really was very poor. Who does that when they are a guest? They need to be taught some manners!

Very proud of Lisa and Graham for taking the higher road, that is what class looks like!

Hello to another new poster!

I think they did themselves rather proud on this show and no doubt bookings will hopefully prove that.

We've seen time and time again how people come across on these shows and you can have the most loveliest place but if you're an arrogant pig then it won't do you any favours at all.

Luckily Graham and Lisa came across well AND had a nice place to stay, so for them, I think the show was a positive thing for them to do.

Well. Well! :D

A few random comments.

Really, even if you can't believe that you left a piece of glass on the floor (or rag in cupboard, or dirty mug on tray) at least have the class to admit the possibility it was your "fault" and don't go accusing the guests. :rolleyes:

However... that attitude on screen does explain - and confirm - the Knock Castle "terrible" reviews on TripAdvisor... Chick and Jason are obviously averse to accepting responsibility for faults at the hotel. Not a smart approach to customer service. Or a route to repeat bookings or word of mouth recommendations. And Chick's comment to Jo about Knock Castle being "their bread and butter"... and Jo's business isn't the same for her? :rolleyes: Muppets, both of them.

Wood burning stoves in a tent would not be sufficient to warm it on a cold night / morning. The boys are kidding themselves if they think that. The warmth will migrate straight up to the pointy bit of the tent and you can't sit or sleep up there.

I'm sure regular campers - glamorous or not - will have extra fleeces with them, maybe even extra duvets. But just as most B&Bs will have extra blankets, warmer duvets available (often in the room) then that's going to be even more important in a tent. The boys should have had extra bedding and hot water bottles or similar available too. Jo would have felt far more cosseted, I suspect, if she'd had those options.

I still don't like Melksham :p but you, Graham and Lisa (welcome to DS to you and other new posters to this thread) should have won on the basis that the competition is about value for money. Definitely you had the moral victory! And I did like the way you and the boys calmly and articulately argued against underpayments and game-playing... and supported Jo. Nice. :)

I don't want Knock Castle to go belly up (someone upthread hoped for that?) because a) the staff are no doubt very hardworking and jobs hard to come by in that area and b) I don't think we want to see either of those bellies... :D

Looking forward to reading your blog, Graham - is that a photo of one of the Wadsworth horses?

I thought Chick and Jason were really out of order tonight.....i could understand perhaps under paying the glamping because for what it was it wasn't worth what they were charging imo, but to underpay and say they wouldnt return to the other hotels was just wrong and pure gameplaying and i'm glad Graham called them out on it. Pure gameplayers should be disqualified imo,,,,,although it does make for good tv

Few thoughts after just catching up: (and reading Graham's rather lovely blog-Welcome btw :)

Chick and Jason have definitely shot themselves in the foot, ok maybe people will find it who don't watch this but FIAB is a golden opportunity to show off your hotel, not to win some sub standard plaque and they come across as rude, unpleasant individuals who wouldn't know good service if it jumped up and bit them on the backside!

I can't imagine Jo coming too badly out of this, the place looked good for Blackpool and £20 each per night, you wouldn't even get a hostel for that-Grr!:mad::mad: But, and I don't know whether it was edited out, but she really should have apologised to Ben and Keri as I think her payment was coloured by her stinging feedback which she thought was from them. Ben and Keri, well, Having Glamped, it was expensive and basic, if they get the bookings great but I cannot imagine many people were overawed, there are people out there who do the same thing, for the same money, far far better-Although they seem like lovely guys, but a large modern shower block, some little extra's in the rooms (hot water bottles, even little electric heaters if they had hookups?) and some form of communal barn like kitchen/social space would take it from good to fantastic.

Finally, onto the lovely Graham and Lisa, honest, friendly and with a spotless B & B, I would be proud to stay there and Ben definitely had the right idea in overpaying-Can't fault it :D (Right, Essay over! :P)

I was very disappointed in Jo's reaction to coming 'third to a bunch of tents.' That wasn't really the point for me. She had been treated very fairly by Ben and Keri & Graham and Lisa. Jason & Chick underpaid by a ridiclulous amount. Her B&B in Blackpool was excellent for the money. She should have been moaning about J&C's large underpayment.

Ben and Keri & Graham and Lisa were the real winners. Nice people who you would go and stay with if you wanted the product they were offering. I wouldn't want to stay with the others no matter what type of place they had because they didn't come across well.

I have to say this is the most disappointing and least deserved result ever on this show! What a pair of absolute tw*ts those Scottish men are! I hope they feel their cheap tacky looking "plaque" was worth all the sacrificing of future business, as this show will have done them no

favours as regards their characters, or value for money (one pat of butter each?? :eek:) and if the reviews on Trip Advisor are anything to go by, they really needed it to!

I also felt quite sorry for Jo, as I think she gives real value for money and a nice homely feel in her B&B, but I was disappointed not to see her apologise to the 2 lads for mistaking Chick and Pr*ck's comments for theirs. I hope she did apologise off screen.

I think Graham and Lisa were robbed of the win to be fair, even though I wouldn't rate their breakfast as I prefer a cooked one, but I think they charge a very fair price for what they offer. Apple Wood unfortunately would not appeal to me in any way, just do not like the idea of cold and damp bedding and trekking outside to the loo, and certainly not cooking my own breakfast and paying so much for the privilege!

I enjoyed this week's episodes though, hope next week's are as good! :)

Firstly, a big hello and warm welcome to Graham - great to see you on the forum. :cool:

I was so disappointed in Jo last night. She didn't even have the good grace to admit her mistake (even to herself) and the two nice fellas suffered due to her huge spiteful, deliberate and (wrongfully doled out) vengeful under-payment (booo!)

She said her B&B was all she had - well maybe the others' B&Bs are all they have too. How utterly selfish was she! I felt it hard to feel sorry for her when she got into such a state and wept.

My favourites were the two boys and Graham and Lisa, one of them should have won that damned plaque, not the Scottish moaners. I imagine Jason regards himself as some sort of great wit, poor deluded idiot. More like a great tit.

Graham's back breakfast setup tasks done ... :D

Just imagine how you might feel about yourself if you had wrongly hugged and wrongly accused people you were sitting across the table from. "Shock"? And to my knowledge, film was used in sequence (but huge amounts of recording for each short show).

Applewood Glamping was in its first year, and I would be very surprised if there weren't adjustments based on the experience of the first year and things noted / learned during the show.

At the end of recording of the Friday show (done in Worcester), the most distant owners did their final interview first and left for the long drive home. The rest of us took it a bit more leisurely, agreed to stay in touch, and indeed we've all spoken to each other with the last 48 hours

A note on the scoring / paying system. It's a game show and the way it works is a tried and tested and interesting format. Had the winner been based on the amount rather than the percentage difference, you would have seen a different set of results. And had the payments been normalised to give each B&B an equal influence over the results, you would have seen something different again. But - the game is the game; we went in with eyes open, we're happy with how we've come out.

Finally - the unsung heroes as far as I'm concerned are the production company and their quite superb team - before, during and after the recordings, and both in their offices and on location.

How nice to hear from you. Also you say exactly what another contestant said about the production team, which is good to hear.

I must say though that Chick & Jason must be fools to try the old - underpay 'em all and win trick. It's been done before and FMs on DS complain on the FIAB thread. Some of the perpetrators have even been known to come and post on DS. They become very self-righteous and indignant AND they always blame the editing because it's NEVER their fault! :D:rolleyes:

Just managed to catch up on the last 3 shows.

Extremely disgusted that Chick and Jason won. The outside of their building is gorgeous, but I don't think their inside were worth anything close to £200 a night. Especially when I think back to Aphrodite and how close the prices are.

Loved seeing them look so guilty and ashamed to speak up when Jo was asking whose form it was. You paid a heavy price lads for winning a tacky ugly bit of paper. I liked all of the other contestants and Lisa and Graham should have won for a far superior product. My only criticism of their establishment is that they don't serve a cooked breakfast.

I liked how Graham and Ben stood up to Chick and Jason's gameplaying and called them out on it.

I wouldn't personally go glamping, and like the others didn't think it was glamorous enough, but the guys were very nice and I wish them well in the future.

Nice to see Graham come on here and give us some background to the experience, and it's lovely to see that you are thinking of going on holiday with some of the others.

Having just read the reviews on Tripadvisor, it seems that the three nice couples have not a single "poor" or "terrible" review. The undeserved winners have 41 awful reviews just for themselves. That speaks volumes.

I can't understand what Chic and Jason hoped to achieve. Is a plaque from Four In a Bed really going to enhance their business ? Set that against showing themselves as a nasty, greedy, mean-spirited couple on national tv. Attacks on Trip Advisor, Twitter, Facebook etc, and it all seems like a pretty hollow "victory" to me. It's potentially cost them tens of thousands of £'s in future bookings, all for "winning" a lighthearted "reality" type show. Still, it's what they deserve. :)

Ps..Great to read your blog about the programme Graham, and good luck to you and Lisa with your venture. If you ran computer courses for dummies like me, I'd be there in a flash, but I'm afraid your stuff is way over my head. Still, you never know, if we're ever in Melksham....

Every negative trip advisor review has been repudiated by Jason in a very aggressive and ill informed manner. His grammar and spelling are a total joke and he seems completely unable to accept any criticism at all.

Don't these eejits realise that winning a stupid plaque is a totally pyrrhic victory if potential customers just see you as greedy, grasping, arrogant tit?

For anyone staying in Crieff in the near future I can highly recommend Crieff Hydro which is much cheaper, friendlier and better appointed than Knock "Castle".

Good post.

It always amuses me when people enter the competition thinking the most important thing is to win the silly plaque.

To anyone with a modicum of brains (or even good business sense), the whole point of entering is to show your business - and yourselves! - in the best possible light, thus a decent proportion of the million or so viewers will think "I'd like to stay there".

In that respect, the real 'winners' this week were probably Graham and Lisa, and the biggest losers were without a doubt Chick and Jason.