## **Bollocks** Pub & Kitchen

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## **HOURS OF BUSINESS**

Mon. to Wed. from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thurs and Sun, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fri, 11:30 a.m.to midnight Sat, 11:00 a.m. to midnight

I recently had the opportunity to speak with John Allen, who along with his wife Carrie founded Bollocks located in Smart Centres, Stouffville. I was intrigued with the name of their restaurant. John told me they had made a list of possible names and the one his wife liked and recommended was Bollocks. They then decided to have a contest open to the public to recommend names and Bollocks was suggested by several people. And yes, it is a bit tongue in cheek and means exactly what you think it means.

Stouffville's Bollocks can hold about 220 people, including the patio which will be open in the warm months. The food is terrific, gastro pub fare by Shriny Raj who oversaw the development of the kitchen and menu and is their corporate executive chef. Born in France, he described his culinary style as one without borders. The menu is vast, everything is fresh — not pre-packaged and heated up. They deal with a local Pickering butcher for all their beef and chicken.

On a recent visit, I enjoyed the Crispy Chick-Wich that was served with fries and presented on a wooden block. It was delicious. The menu is varied, including fresh salads, pizza, artisanal sandwiches, tacos, hand-crafted Angus beef

burgers and chicken Parmesan. Here's an interesting fact: the Stouffville location sells more chicken "parm" than the Whitby and Pickering Bollocks combined. Chicken fingers made from chicken tenders and wings are also popular.

Bollocks is a sports-bar with televisions everywhere. There is a media wall devoted to sports events of every kind. John tells me that each television is individually operated so you can pretty much watch any sport you want on at least one of them. They have 19 beers on tap including mainstream brands and they also support local breweries, such as Second Wedge in Uxbridge. Bollocks has a full wine and liquor licence as well.

There are daily specials and deals every day of the week, including half-price bottles of wine all day Thursday.

John believes in giving back to the community so Bollocks gets involved and supports local events. Bollocks is a family-friendly restaurant, not catering to the late-night crowd. They are also the official HQ for the Leafs and the Raptors, so it's a great place to go and watch some of the games. Go hungry as they aren't shy with the portions.