

## FARLEY MAKEPEACE



Farley is the new face of the Soar Mill Cove Hotel. He's just turned five months old and sticks like glue to owner Keith Makepeace, ensuring that the hotel is running smoothly and that everyone's happy (if they're not, a big lick on the cheek never fails to produce a smile).

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May the Hotel will be hosting the World's Best Pasty Competition. Farley is particularly partial to a Devonshire Pasty and was hoping to get a place on the judging panel, but Keith has told him he's needed to keep the guests entertained and to be available to play with. It's a dog's life!

Running a family hotel in Devon is tiring work for a five month old puppy, but fellow hotel dog Rosie, a Bijon Frisse with ten years' experience is always on hand to give advice. She's moved into semi retirement, and now spends most of her time sorting out 'Big Paws' as she refers to Farley.

Farley loves to play with the hotel guests and is looking forward to the day when he's big enough for walking duty, when guests will take him for long walks in the 2000 acres surrounding the hotel or down to the hotel's beach to savage seaweed and hunt for crabs (they tickle his nose and make him jump when they move).

Of course he also tries to help the Makepeace family wherever possible. He recently assisted eldest daughter Becky with her AS level art exam. He watched Becky spend hours playing with a pile of sticks and wicker. When he found himself with a bit of spare time on his paws he thought he'd have a go too; unfortunately with only five months' life experience and no opposable thumbs, his understanding and skill in the arts is a little limited! His efforts reminded him of stick fetching and he mentally renamed it 'Fetch'. He couldn't understand why Becky wasn't more grateful.

Thankfully for Farls he does have an exceedingly cute, “am I in trouble?” expression and with a confused cock of his head (one ear slightly higher than the other) he had Becky laughing rather than crying. Becky has now redone the masterpiece and everyone agrees it’s much improved since Farley’s intervention. He’s thinking that with a little more practice he could be the first dog to get an AS in Art.

Farley’s really looking forward to the Bigbury Fun Run which he’s in training for at the moment. He runs up the lane around RAF Bolt Head, along to Malborough and then back home to do his stretches (usually on his back in his bed). He’s trying to get Keith fit for the run too so always stays a few paces ahead of him while Keith puffs and pants along behind.

Like any self respecting 21<sup>st</sup> century pup, Farley knows all about the latest technology and has set himself up on Facebook. Unfortunately he’s kept so busy running the hotel, keeping the Makepeace family in order and training for the run that he hasn’t had much time to find friends. He’d love people and their dogs (but please no cats, unless they’re toothless and de-clawed) to get in touch with him on Facebook, just type Farley Labrador Makepeace into the search bar on your Facebook page.