

## The Oeli wine bar rules

The Oeli is a place for socialising, enjoying a tippel and having a sing-song. It lives by its traditions, which have evolved over 200 years and been passed down from generation to generation. YOU can help to preserve these traditions by following the rules below:

1. Take off your hat and coat when you arrive because the Oeli is a place you'll want to stay in for a while. People in traditional costumes may keep their head covered, and for students it is based on the rules of their association.
2. Say hello to the people already there; we don't have any strangers here. Before you sit down, ask if the seat is free. There is always space for polite people.
3. Sit properly at the table; only louts have their feet on the bench. Cuddling and smooching is frowned upon in the Oeli (with the exception of a kiss on the cheek to greet someone, of course).
4. After 6pm, if you want to drink anything other than water, grape juice, wine or port, then you'll need to find it somewhere other than in the wine bar.
5. Good singers are always welcome, guitars are available. We sing: student songs, local songs and hiking songs and the like. We don't do: tearjerkers, songs you sway to and fro to and clapping hands as a rhythmic accompaniment. If you don't want to sing, please be silent or quiet, at the very least. If a singer requests silence for a solo, it should go without saying that everyone stays absolutely quiet. Commercial singing is not accepted, with the exception of the Salvation Army.
6. Applause is given by knocking on the table. Applause can also be expressed in half pints.
7. If you must go out briefly or you have to leave and you are trapped in a seat by the wall, don't inconvenience the whole bench, just step over the table. The table and its guests are robust enough.
8. Carving into or damaging the table, benches, etc. is not allowed, with the exception of the Beam Challenge ("Balkenprobe"), and will result in you being banned from the premises.

The publican, staff and the pub's regulars ensure that these rules are observed. Please follow their orders. If the rules are flouted, the punishment is to pay a "Foiflieber" (five franc coin) or a "Garaffe" (carafe) for the regulars.

*The Oepfelhammer team*

## The Beam Challenge ("Balkenprobe")

Anyone who wants to go over the beam must come in good time. They should notify the regulars of their intention so that people there can move to the side. A foot on the head or anywhere else for that matter is not pleasant.

1. You have to pull or swing yourself up onto the first beam (women are allowed to do this from the bench). This is the hardest part of the Beam Challenge.
2. With your head up you climb from the window over both beams.
3. At the second beam, you hang down to your belly button, without falling.
4. Whilst in this position, you have to drink a full glass of wine (donated by the bar) in one go, without spilling anything.
5. You then come back down head first.
6. You are only allowed to carve your name into the wood once you have managed to do the beam challenge. If you don't pass the challenge, then you have two more tries each evening.

## The record

Oldest contender: 67

Number of beam challenges: 88 in 88 mins

