

McALEER'S CRYSTAL COCKTAILS SHINE

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5-11 Donaghmore Road, Dungannon

OVER the last few years McAleer's in Dungannon has grown to become one of the must-visit spots in mid-Ulster for those who enjoy the finer things in life.

So last week I took myself off to Co Tyrone to sample the watering hole's well-thought-of hospitality.

Run by the McAleer family since 1979, the building has tripled in size over the last year and now incorporates five separate bars which each have their own theme and flavour.

The Crystal Cocktail Bar and Zanzibar Veranda Bar and Terrace are decidedly

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female-friendly areas, while the Sports Bar offers a safe haven for those who prefer pints to glasses of 'pink fizz', and the Ivory Club and St Tropez Bar seem suited to those who prefer to either dance or drink the night away respectively.

As you can imagine, with so many bars to choose from, McAleer's brings in a broad range of punters and whether it's gigs, club nights, football matches or just a general, straight forward fun-filled night out you're after, the pub admirably caters

to your needs. It's easy to see why it scooped the Sunday Life Readers' Choice Pub of the Year award in 2010.

The French Nouveau theme is excellently complimented by a more traditional pub vibe. The average age range spanned from 20 to 30-somethings on the night of my visit, but as each separate bar has its own identity and vibe, punters above 40 wouldn't be out of place in certain spots.

Service during my stay was good and the range of alcohol and cocktails on offer was excellent in all sections of this impressive complex.

VERDICT 



VAST: McAleer's in Dungannon has many bars