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Dear Anton, Penny, all your great girls in the bar and in the kitchen and the hundreds of people who waited in the cold for us.

I just wanted to drop you all a note of thanks on behalf of the team for your generous hospitality and warm welcome last night.

Your enthusiasm during the Tour de France in supporting us and in helping build interest in cycling and encouraging people back on to their bikes was surpassed only by the loud and passionate welcome you all extended us yesterday.

To be honest it was a bit of a risk to bring the current BBC Sports Personality of the Year, World Champion, first British Winner of the Tour de France and four of the worlds top cyclists (and support crew) to the Strickland Arms, Penrith. But thanks to your flexibility, attitude of nothing being too much trouble, friendly staff and your great local community - we need not have worried.

All of the guys, riders and staff alike, have talked of nothing else since we left last night. Even the staff who weren't there have been talking about it! It helped raise spirits on a cold day and I'm sure played no small part in our victory today on the road. Penny - expect a call from our team nutritionist on what your cooking secrets are (and from our German carer on where to get the Mint Sauce from).

The guys really didn't want to leave and so if we're racing nearby again prepare yourselves for another visit!

We hope your regulars, young and old, got the shirts and books signed they wanted and we're sorry if we couldn't sign everything for everyone who may have come.

Keep doing what your doing and I'm sure The Strickland Arms will become known far and wide by the cycling community as a place that should be visited whilst out on a ride.

All the best for the future and keep that Yellow Jersey safe. There are less than 100 in existence!

Thanks once again.

Malph Minns (on behalf of Team Sky)

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