

Dear Shareholders and Supporters of The Bell,

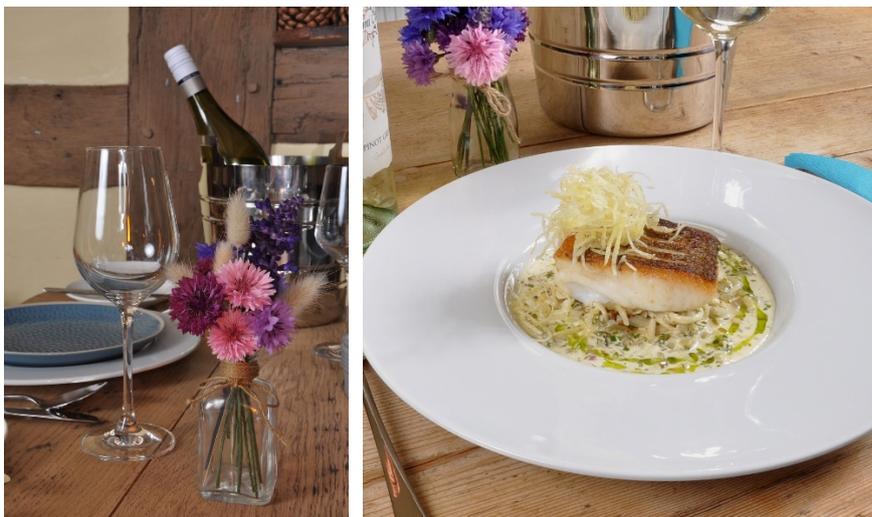
That was quite a week!

200 people went to The Bell on Opening Day – separated into Day and Evening groups to ensure adequate spacing. Sebastian Bowen, our councillor, cut the ribbon and delivered a welcome speech as a happy queue formed up the front path for each customer to have their temperature and tracing details recorded. Then it was through the lobby and out to the gardens – being handed a refreshing glass of Nick’s homemade Elderflower ‘Champagne’ on the way.

It was wonderful to see the pub come alive again; group after group of families and friends laughing, eating and drinking in the sunshine. There were garden games for children (and adults with children’s spirit), while the hog roasted and music drifted softly out from the marquee.

Later, much later, fairy lights twinkled in the summer night as the evening partygoers danced to the live band, and the stories grew taller and bottles grew emptier until the last guests finally wended their way home.

So that’s the dreamy word-picture: now for the follow-up! The Management Committee of the MCBS has received a handful of feedback comments.



We have responded to all the email comments personally where appropriate and have raised them with Nick and Dom at the first Tenancy Review Meeting which took place on 10th August.

Bookings have been pouring in, and Nick and Dom and their team have been exceptionally busy, a challenging situation due to appalling problems with Broadband, which is needed for the tills and management systems. They are working towards a solution with BT. The new team have coped admirably in their roles, with new systems, menus and wine lists. The hot weather gave a massive boost to social-distancing with alfresco dining, but also caused the freezers to work extra hard.

Nick has already responded to feedback with some fresh ideas for the lunch menu, and these will be displayed on a Specials board in the pub – changing regularly to reflect the best produce of the moment. The first of these includes two salads, one with cold sliced beef and the other with peas and mint (£7.50 and £8.00), perfect for the hot weather, as well as that British pub classic – Sausages and Mash.

Keep an eye on the website and the Facebook page as these are being constantly updated .

The next Tenancy Review Meeting is on 14th September. Until then, please keep your feedback coming (to mcbsfeedback@gmail.com), and above all, keep supporting the enterprise!

Best wishes

The Management Committee