Anne and Phil get hitched

Topcliffe resident Anne Billett and husband Phil Haley are pictured on their wedding day outside Sowerby Methodist Church. They married on 30 September and the new Mr & Mrs Haley are living in the village.

Anne, who works at Herbs Unlimited near Sandhutton, is well-known in Topcliffe, having lived in the village all her life. She was born at Salmon Hall Farm on Catton Lane. Her parents John and Dorothy Raynor were much involved in village life. As well as Anne, there were two other siblings - Yvonne and Stephen.

In 1976 Anne married John Billett who over the years became a good friend and helper to many in Topcliffe. They had four children - Sarah, Helen, Peter and Julie. John died in 2018 after a long illness.



Phil and Anne after their wedding

Anne's daughters encouraged her to join a dating app and it wasn't long before she met Phil, a sport and operatics fanatic from Batley, West Yorkshire. After a short 'courtship' Phil proposed in August 2022 and just over a year later they tied the marriage knot.

Phil, who retired in 2019, loves cricket and continues to umpire matches in the Nidderdale league. He also loves Rugby League and has followed Batley Bulldogs since 1961. He is a member of both the Batley and Halifax Gilbert & Sullivan Societies.

Wishing them a long and happy future.

Carols round the Christmas tree

Residents are invited to gather at the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall to sing carols at 7pm on Thursday 21 December.

Sheets with the words of the carols...and maybe a few other festive songs...will be provided, but you'll need to bring a torch or a mobile phone to light your way!



Afterwards, mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the hall. There'll be no set price, but donations will be welcome.



It didn't seem right not to have a photograph of a Christmas tree on the front of the December edition of The Tattler, but our tree was only put up last Saturday well after the newsletter had gone to the printers. So, here's a picture of last year's tree which, after all, will look very similar to the new one.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

Residents of Topcliffe and Asenby aged 65 and over are invited to the Christmas lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon on Wednesday 13 December.

The cost for a full seasonal three course dinner, drinks and entertainment is £15 per head. Please get in touch with Judith Lowe on 01845 577911 if you haven't booked a place yet.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas season got off to a fine start with the excellent Christmas Fair held last month in Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. Lots of people visited the many stalls and enjoyed a pork and stuffing sandwich, cakes and a cuppa.



A good crowd enjoying the fair

Two charities benefitted from the funds raised. The Herriot Hospice in Thirsk received £399.40 and Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall fund was presented with £225 - the amount raised by the very successful raffle.





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A big thank you to the organisers and helpers who made this possible and to the stallholders and everyone who attended.



Some of the volunteers at the Christmas Fair
- Linda Robinson, Nicola Thomis, Karen
Morley and Linda Carver.

Santa at Thirsk Garden Centre

Santa will be in his grotto at Thirsk Garden Centre on the following weekends between 10am and 4pm - 9 and 10 December, 16 and 17 December and 23 December. The cost is £6 per child, with all proceeds going to Thirsk Rotary and Herriot Hospice.

The Sunday Email

Next week's Sunday Email will be the 188th weekly edition. It originated during the first days of the Covid pandemic and continues to be a popular read over Sunday morning breakfast. There's currently over 330 recipients, mostly in our two villages, but some go much further afield. Anyone who wants to be added to the circulation can register by going to www.dougallan.co.uk

Topcliffe Academy - dates to note

Tuesday, 12 December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance at 2pm

Wednesday, 13 December- EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance at 6pm

Thursday, 14 December - Friends of Topcliffe School - Christmas carols and mince pies

Tuesday, 19 December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Wednesday, 20 December - Carol Service at St Columba's Church at 2pm

Friday, 22 December - School finishes for Christmas break

Tuesday, 9 January 2024 - School opens for start of Spring Term

New councillor for Topcliffe

Topcliffe now has a new councillor representing the Sowerby & Topcliffe Division on North Yorkshire Council. The election was held on 30 November - after this edition of The Tattler went to print, so we are unable to include the winner's name, though it has been announced in the local press, on social media sites and in the Sunday Email.

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Deputy Head retires

(An acknowledgement of years of service prepared by Sarah Halshaw of Asenby)

After 27 years of dedicated service, my sister Debs Hannam Walpole has retired from Queen Mary's school. Many readers will know Debs and will be aware of her commitment to the school and the children who have attended over the years she was employed there.

There are so many present and former pupils who are grateful for her exceptional guidance and support both as a teacher, mentor and Deputy Head. I think it's safe to say that anyone who has been a part of the Queen Mary's community over the last few decades has shared lovely memories with Debs and looks back on them fondly. There isn't a parent, pupil or colleague who hasn't been impacted by her fun-loving and bubbly personality over the years. Her love of Lego is outrageous, and all



Debs Walpole

of us have enjoyed a sweet treat from the secret stash secured in the Lego Head in her office at some point.

Her time at the school started as a PE and Maths teacher, and in 2006 she was made Deputy Head and took on responsibility for the school organisation, safeguarding and pastoral care. Deb's career saw her involved in all aspects of school life, from the tennis court to the Maths classroom and involved problem solving, timetabling, school trips and induction for newly qualified teachers and staff.

Deb's long-standing and loyal contribution to Queen Mary's has been greatly appreciated by all and her thoughtfulness and kindness to the school community goes unparalleled.

Warm Hub lunches

There won't be a Warm Hub lunch at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 December as the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch is taking place that day. See page 1 for details.

The next Warm Hub lunch will be on Wednesday 27 December. As usual, lunch will be served from 11.30am to 12.45pm. There'll be a selection of meals followed by delicious cakes and bakes and tea or coffee. All welcome. No set charge, but donations welcome.

The Warm Hub continues to help local charities and residents who are suffering financial hardship. A huge thank you is offered to all those who attend the lunches and give generously to help others.



Season's greetings from Jane and George

We'd like to wish our wonderful regular customers and everyone else in Topcliffe a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing you over the festive season and in 2024.

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Asenby Parish Council Update

New Asenby website: The Parish Council's new website is now up and running. It presents information about the work of the Parish Council itself and lots of other village matters. It can be found at www.asenby.org

<u>Initial volunteers meeting:</u> The meeting held on 14 November was well attended and lots of ideas relating to the outcomes of the play park survey and follow-up public meeting were discussed. These were mainly around developing areas with trees, shrubs and wildflowers, a circular walk, seating areas plus improvements to the play equipment.

Future actions focused on developing a proposed layout plan of what the park might look like, and maintenance of the equipment. Additional suggestions included putting up a shed to store small pieces of equipment such as footballs and a community event, possibly next spring, to launch the improvements.

More immediate action to undertake some tidying work, cleaning of equipment and cutting back overhanging trees is planned. Keep an eye open for updates on Facebook (Asenby Residents), the Sunday Email and the new website.

Spring flowers on the village green: Our thanks go to Eric and Chris Moss who have been busy planting spring bulbs along the edges of the village green. We can all look forward to a fine display of blooms in spring while passing a few moments on the Jubilee Bench.

<u>Parking in Asenby:</u> The village green has once again been damaged by drivers of vehicles who don't think about the consequences of where they park. It isn't just the village green that suffers, there are verges around the village where the same problem occurs. It may not be common knowledge, but it is an offence to drive over or park on the village green except to gain access to a property with legal authority.

Parking on footpaths and pavements is slightly different as damage doesn't normally occur, but it is still of concern if it obstructs pedestrians. In 2019 a law was passed making it illegal to park on a pavement. It is difficult to find any reference on Government websites to confirm that it has been fully implemented, but either way, the following should be considered when parking in the village:

The unnecessary obstruction of the highway, which includes the road as well as the pavement, is an offence - that rule already existed before the above law was passed.

Highway Code Rule 244 states that you must not park partially or wholly on the pavement in London and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it.

Our village has narrow roads which makes it difficult for large vehicles such as buses and delivery vans to pass parked cars. We also have pedestrians, some with pushchairs or wheelchairs, who sometimes have difficulty in passing vehicles parked on pavements. All we ask is that drivers are respectful of grassed areas and that they think carefully about not causing an obstruction when parking.



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<u>Clerk to the Parish Council:</u> This post still needs to be filled. The Clerk is needed to support parish councillors with administrative duties. The council meets a number of times each year depending on needs within the village. This is a paid post and would particularly suit someone who has held a similar post in the past, although this is not essential as guidance and support will be available.

<u>Parish Councillor vacancy:</u> There continues to be a vacancy on the Parish Council. It can be filled by co-opting an interested person i.e. there's no election to fight.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 18 January 2024 at 7pm in the upper committee room at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. All welcome.

To contact your Parish Council please email asenbypc@gmail.com

Little Sprouts Childcare

A new children's nursery whose mission is to provide amazing childcare at the lowest possible price, has opened in Sowerby. It caters for youngsters aged 2 to 5 and the fees are £5.50 per hour, £24 per half day and £47 per full day. Funded places are also available. For more information call 07745 704735 or email:

admin@littlesproutschildcare.uk



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Topcliffe Parish Council Update

HGVs and Traffic Matters:

If anything, HGV traffic in our villages is getting worse. Quite a while ago, the Highways Department agreed to cameras being installed to identify offenders, but they have moved so slowly that Topcliffe Parish Council had concluded that in reality they would prefer not to have them. However, we are happy to report that discussions about where cameras will be placed are finally underway.

We have also seen the plans for new road signs diverting HGV traffic away from Topcliffe and Asenby, and installation is imminent...they say! Interestingly the sign which recently appeared on the A168 slip road into Asenby is not on the plans, which is a bit strange.

Enforcement of the weight restriction zone through Topcliffe was suspended while Skipton on Swale Bridge was being resurfaced but is now underway again. We have provided evidence to North Yorkshire Council's Trading Standards Department of over twenty HGVs breaking the law but have yet to hear how many, if any, have been prosecuted. Again, we believe the council is deliberately dragging its heels. We will continue to press for enforcement of the zone and insist that prosecutions take place. Thankfully, we have good support from our Member of Parliament and several North Yorkshire councillors.

Last year over £100,000 from companies on Dalton Industrial Estate was secured to help solve the HGV problem. Getting North Yorkshire Council to release or use this money to deal with the problem is proving very difficult. We will keep pushing.

The rejection of the proposed industrial estate at Asenby was good news and there is no doubt that the objections from fifty-plus Topcliffe and Asenby residents helped a lot.

Front Street Sewage Smells:

Yorkshire Water has done nothing at all to solve this long-standing problem. We believe the company is breaking a number of Environmental and Safety Laws. Environmental Health agree with us but require more documented evidence before they can issue an Abatement Order. We are in the process of collecting the necessary information and will continue to push for action. We have had good media coverage drawing attention to the issues and again, have had good support from our Member of Parliament and councillors. But we will keep the pressure on.

Bowling Club:

Topcliffe Bowling Club has finally closed and the area it used is now back with the Parish Council. We are exploring various options for the building and land and would welcome ideas or proposals from villagers.

New allotments:

A total of 15 new allotments were included in the recent makeover of the play park. So far, 12 have been allocated. Applications for the remaining three can be made to the Clerk to the Parish Council:

topcliffeparishcouncil@gmail.com

The next meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council will be at 7pm on Thursday 7 December in the Village Hall.

The Topcliffe Charities

There are now two main funds which come under the direction of the Charities of Topcliffe:

The Topcliffe Poor Fund which gives grants to each village in relation to their population. This fund derives its income from the rent on two pieces of land owned by the charity, one in Topcliffe and the other in Firby, near Bedale. Each village is allocated a proportion of funds according to population.

The Topcliffe Educational Fund offers grants to further education students to purchase study books or other educational aids agreed by the feoffees. This fund derives its income from the interest on capital investments, but as interest rates have recently been very low, the amount that is available is quite limited. The value of any single grant depends not only on the funds available to distribute but also on the number of successful applications. This fund is not allocated according to the applicant's financial position.

The ancient ecclesiastical parish of Topcliffe covering Asenby, Baldersby, Crakehill, Dalton, Dishforth, Eldmire, Marton-le-Moor, Rainton, Skipton-on-Swale, as well as Topcliffe itself, remains the geographical area of the charity. Each of these villages has its own nominated feoffees (or trustees) and in Topcliffe, Anne-Marie Barningham and Doug Allan have taken on the role, whilst Carole Ford represents Asenby.

The word feoffee is a historical term relating to the law of trusts and equity. Feoffees were first appointed locally to govern the Consolidated Charities of Topcliffe, a body

established in 1674 for the management of the affairs of Topcliffe Grammar School and for the administration of Topcliffe Parochial Charities.

Each Christmas the feoffees present a small gift from the Topcliffe Poor Fund to those in Asenby and Topcliffe who are aged 80 and over.

Applications for support from the Topcliffe Educational Fund can be submitted at any time but the feoffees only meet once a year, usually in late November, to approve grants. Anyone seeking further information or wishing to apply should contact the charity's Secretary, Mrs Rosemary Hart at hartjre@hotmail.com

Paint and Relax

There'll be a special one-off art class on Thursday 7 December between 10.30am and 1pm at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. It's a 'Paint and Relax' session and the subject will be how to paint a Festive Scene in Acrylics. Book online at https://rebeccajayneartist.co.uk/product-category/classes-workshops

Christmas Cruise on Ripon Canal

Ripon Scenic Cruises is offering a special festive canal journey on the Pride of Ripon with choice of warm mulled wine, hot chocolate or fruit punch with a mince pie or chocolate brownie. There'll also be an opportunity to visit a Makers' Market in the canal basin. The dates are Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 December. Book online at www.ripon-scenic-cruises.co.uk



Ripon Christmas events

Illuminated Winter Wonderland: Enjoy lights, decorations, snow machine, crafts and carol singing in Ripon Spa Gardens between 2 and 8pm from Friday 15 to Sunday 17 December. Free entry but donations welcomed.

<u>Christmas Carol Concert:</u> The cathedral choir sing alongside the renowned St Cecilia Orchestra in a spectacular concert in the nave at 5.30pm on Sunday 17 December. Tickets £15 for adults and £5 for children (5-16 years) from www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Festival of Lessons and Carols: The Christmas Story told in readings and music from the Ripon Cathedral Choir. At the cathedral on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 December at 5.30pm.

Midnight Mass: At the cathedral at 11pm on Sunday 24 December.

Christmas Eucharist: Christmas day communion at the cathedral. 10.30am on Monday 25 December.

Boxing Day Eucharist Pilgrimage: St Stephen's Day service the communion cathedral at 9.30am on 26 December. Followed pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey.

New Year's Eve in Ripon: The town's New Year's Eve celebration start at 9.15pm in the Market Square with live music from a steel band and culminate in a firework display at midnight. There'll be a Watchnight service at the cathedral followed by a torchlight procession to the Market Square in time for ringing in the New Year at midnight.

Twinkle Toes Dance & Play

There's a new activity for preschool children on Wednesdays between 10am - 10.45am in Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. Though there won't be any sessions now until in the New Year. It involves bopping along to some action songs, telling stories though movement, creating characters, using colourful props and just having fun with dance and movement.

Classes are led by Hazel Summerbell, a fully qualified dance years' teacher with many Pre-booking experience. required as there are limits on numbers. Please get in touch with

twinkletoesdanceuk@gmail.com

Helmsley Castle school visit

Pupils in Willow and Ash classes at Topcliffe Academy recently enjoyed a trip to Helmslev Castle to complete their learning about castles and their history. The children loved exploring the castle ruins and pointing out the different features they had looked at during history lessons and story learning. They particularly were impressed with the bridge over the moat and how deep the moat had been. Good fun was



had exploring the kitchen and learning about how they used to cook on open fires.

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Services at St Columba's

Sunday 3 December at 6.30pm - Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday 10 December at 10.45am - Holy Communion Sunday 17 December at 10.45am - Said Matins

Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm - Carol Service - the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the St Columba Choir led by Linda Hewlett and accompanied by organist Matthew Atherton, followed by a delicious finger buffet and wine.

Saturday 23 December at 3pm - informal family crib service and carols led by Rev'd Dawn Ward.

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December - No morning

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December at 11.30pm -Midnight Mass and Eucharist led by Rev'd Robert Williams.

Christmas Day, Monday 25 December - No Service.

Carol singing evening

Wednesday 20 December at 6.30pm - Members of St Columba's Choir will lead the singing of carols around Asenby. Meet at Asenby Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in. A collection will be taken in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

The Tattler production team, Doug and Charles, wish all readers a hristmas very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

End of an era for Topcliffe Bowls Club

Members of Topcliffe Bowls Club met recently to dissolve the club and decide how to deal with its assets.

The club existed for thirty-five years and has played a significant part in the village's sporting history. Recently it has experienced a few insurmountable problems outside its control, which has made operating on the site and attracting new members very difficult.

Under the club's constitution, any assets remaining after any debts and liabilities are settled, can be given to suitable charitable institutions that members choose. At the meeting, it was agreed that the following Topcliffebased groups will receive £1,830 each - Friends of Topcliffe School, 1st Topcliffe Scout Group, Topcliffe Carpet Bowls Club and St Columba's Church.

In addition, benches purchased with a grant from the National Lottery, have been donated to the Friends of Topcliffe School and to the Village Hall.

Club Secretary, Richard Wallis said: "It is very sad that the club has had to fold after so many successful years playing in Topcliffe and local leagues, but it has proved difficult to maintain the greens and the number in membership. The club is very pleased to be able to assist other community organisations which will benefit by sharing cash left over in the club's account.

"I'd like to give a big thank you to the various team captains, including John Mulley, Louise Bumby and Paul Bumby (who was also the last Chairman), and to all past members and those who have supported the club over the years."



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Activities at the Village Hall

There's an increasing range of activities taking place at Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall. Here is the schedule for coming weeks.

Sundays The Village Quiz at 8pm.

Mondays Art Class at 10am (regular sessions)

Boot Camp Fitness at 6.30pm

Boccia exercise class for senior citizens at 1.30pm Tuesdays

Squirrels and Beavers at 5pm

Bible class at 7.30pm

Village Hall Committee - next meeting 23 January

Wednesdays Twinkle Toes Pre-School Dance at 10am

Warm Hub Lunches at 11.30am to 1.30pm

(alternate Wednesdays)

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch at 12 noon, 13

December, (pre booking essential) 1st Topcliffe Cubs at 6.45pm

Paint & Relax' art class at 10.30am - one-off Thursdays booking on 7 December

Knit & Natter at 1.30pm Carpet Bowls at 7.30pm

Topcliffe Parish Council at 7pm on 7 December

Asenby Parish Council at 7pm on 18 January

Fridays Baby Bubble class at 1pm

> Boot Camp Fitness at 6pm 1st Topcliffe Scouts at 7.30pm

The Village Hall is available for hire to local organisations. businesses and individuals. It offers excellent facilities for a wide range of events and activities including classes, meetings, exhibitions, fayres, parties, other social events and lots more.

Bookings are made via the Hallmaster online booking service. This is accessed via the village website www.topcliffe.org.uk - and allows enquiries, bookings and payments to be made directly online.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Success

Topcliffe Academy's year 5 and 6 girls' football team scored a big success in the recent football competition held at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

The team - Beth, Ava C, Ava S, Matilda, Kensie, Gabi, Lilly, Amelia, Millie and Honour had an outstanding competition, winning every single one of their games and they returned to Topcliffe with gold medals. This means that the team will qualify for the area finals. Well done girls!



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Honey Decorations

Local small business, Asenbee Honey, has introduced a new beeswax Light Catcher or Christmas tree decoration for sale this festive season, though they can be used at anytime during the year. These are not candles but they have cotton wick loops so can be hung to



give a gorgeous honeyed scent and cast pretty shadows anywhere in your home. There are limited numbers available. Check out their Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/asenbeehoney/

Snooker Club

Annual fees for Snooker Club membership are now overdue. The amount for 2023-24 has been held at £30. Those wishing to remain in membership or join the club, should contact Treasurer Dave Bowman to make payment. If you have been a member and are not intending to renew, please return your door key as soon as possible. David can be contacted on 01845 577843.

Scruton Station Edwardian Christmas

Wensleydale Railway is presenting an Edwardian Christmas celebration at the fully restored Scruton Railway Station on Sunday 10 December between 2 and 4pm. The afternoon of festive fun includes mince pies and mulled wine for adults and juice, biscuits and Christmas activities for children. Adults £5, children £2

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Changing face of Asenby

These three aerial photographs show how Asenby has developed and expanded over the years. Unfortunately, they are not dated but it is believed that two were taken in 1977 and 2002. The third is obviously much older.

The originals belong to Carole Ford who for many years had them framed and hanging on the wall in her lounge. Recently she supplied copies to be added to the village's new website.



If anyone else has old Asenby photographs that could be added to the photo gallery on the website, please contact Colin Grimston on email colin.grimston@gmail.com







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ANGEL INN UPDATE

Villagers passing The Angel Inn every day might wonder why the refurbishment is taking so long and when they might expect to see the historical pub and restaurant fully open again.

We share your frustration but the massive project, which only started in April (that's just eight months ago), is a huge undertaking and one which has had its fair share of twists and turns. The Angel Inn is a very old building and so it shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that, as work got underway, lots of problems were found all of which had to be fully investigated and resolved. We've had to contend with many unforeseen issues, including many practical construction problems, planning delays and, of course, bad weather. But stage one of the work is rapidly nearing completion, and you will see the brand new bar and restaurant fully operational as soon as possible.



We want to make The Angel Inn at Topcliffe one of the best all-round hotel and wedding facilities in Yorkshire. Topcliffe deserves nothing less and we aim to create a venue of which the village can be extremely proud.

The new bar, below, is being crafted by Dalton-based cabinetmaker Ian Watkinson. And Rage Ltd - a fabrication company based near Dalton Bridge - has built the new reception desk and installed a perfect replica of a fire range removed from the property many years ago.

We're currently replacing the extremely heavy stone slate roof with a more appropriate, lighter material and work is



progressing well on rebuilding the many chimney stacks and repointing the walls. Any day now another local tradesman, Simon Parker, will be installing new oak window frames that he has manufactured.

Through all the turmoil we have managed to offer a limited but welcomed service in the garden, function room and conservatory. Our Christmas party bookings are completely full and our Sunday lunches have been an amazing success. So, a big thank you to everyone who has continued to support us through this difficult time. Be patient just a little while longer. We'll be fully open before you know it.



CONGRATULATIONS JACK

COMEDY NIGHT

Yes, it's back! The regular Stand-Up Comedy Night is returning to the Angel Inn.

Thursday 28 December

Doors open at 7pm.

Show 7.30 to 10.30pm

£10 pre-paid or £12 on the night.

SUNDAY LUNCH

12 noon to 4pm

Specials available

In the conservatory and function room

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The Angel Inn's chef, Jack Baldwin, has been accepted as a candidate on the prestigious Roux Scholarship 2024.

This prestigious competition was set up in 1983 by Michel and Albert Roux. Good luck Jack!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU