

# MH&R NEWSLETTER

WINTER / SPRING 2020



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## Award winners



LE TALBOOTH  
AWARDED 3 AA  
ROSETTES



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# Le Talbooth

- Riverside Restaurant -

## HAS JUST BEEN AWARDED THREE AA ROSETTES



*Recognised by the AA as an outstanding restaurant, the three Rosette Le Talbooth combines the highest quality ingredients with consistently excellent timing, seasoning and judgment of flavour combinations. Soak in the beautiful riverside location and experience intuitive service and probably the best wine list in East Anglia.*



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## FOREWORD

Welcome to our winter newsletter which has been published much earlier than in the past, enabling me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. Let's hope the decade ahead mirrors its namesake of 100 years ago, as I am sure we could all do with a bit of the Roaring Twenties again.



We end the challenging Teens on a high with our business winning a whole series of awards this autumn. In a two week period in September, Milsoms in Dedham was voted one of the 100 best restaurants outside London by Square Meal readers and was elevated to a 4 Star hotel by the AA. Likewise Maison Talbooth was elevated from 3 Red Stars to 4 Red Stars, the highest accolade given to hotels for outstanding quality of accommodation, hospitality, and service. Perhaps the biggest excitement was Le Talbooth receiving a third rosette for its cooking after an absence of 28 years which is a ringing endorsement of our Head Chef Andy Hirst and his talented team.

To cap it all I was personally recognised by Essex Life as their Food and Drink Hero for 2019. This at the very least gets me out of going on a diet for a while, as it would surely be inappropriate for a food and drink hero to be seen wasting away! When the news then came in that we had won our business rates battle after three years of terrible worry, I decided to buy a lottery ticket, genuinely expecting to win the 100 million euro jackpot. Sadly that didn't happen so all those hotels we were going to open will have to wait for another day.

Whilst it's lovely to have organisations saying all these kind things about us, the fact is that we are only ever as good as the next meal or overnight stay that we sell. The challenge therefore remains the same as always (awards or not) namely to make sure we are at the top of our game during 2020, so that every time you visit our business it's a great experience. We are certainly not resting on our laurels in terms of investment which continues apace with a variety of winter refurbishment projects at Maison Talbooth, in addition to the major new development of the spa at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall.

**It's going to be an exciting start to the new decade.**

**Paul Milsom**  
Managing Director

# LE TALBOOTH

The most exciting news for the Autumn was to hear that Le Talbooth had been awarded 3 Rosettes by the AA Restaurant Services at their annual awards ceremony in September. Much credit goes to the kitchen team, led by head chef Andrew Hirst and senior sous chef Jamie Jackson, and their brigade of chefs who have worked tirelessly to achieve the third rosette, ably supported by the brilliant front of house team who look after our guests so well.



Ian Rhodes, Andy Hirst, Jamie Jackson



**Stas Anastasiades**, Operations Director for Milsom Hotels & Restaurants, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to receive this award; naturally our customers come first and listening to them is key to our evolution. I couldn't be more delighted that our fantastic team have been recognised by our industry's most highly regarded and respected benchmarking organisation."

**To book a table call 01206 323150 or visit [www.milsomhotels.com/le-talbooth](http://www.milsomhotels.com/le-talbooth)**



## IDLE WATERS

Oh, how we love Idle Waters and so do the guests who have stayed with us over the past year. One of the best things about the cottage is that it's available for one night or two nights, which is unusual for self-catering cottages.

**During January and February, take advantage of our Idle Waters Winter offer and stay**

- Two nights (Sunday to Thursday) for £300, a saving of £200
- Two nights (Friday and Saturday) £500, a saving of £200

Includes complimentary use of pool, pool house and tennis court at Maison Talbooth (if available).

*This price is for up to four people and two dogs.*

Find out more on our website: [www.milsomhotels.com/idlewaters](http://www.milsomhotels.com/idlewaters) or call 01206 323150 to book.



Riverside cottage for hire



**2019 has been a busy year for Milsom Catering.** Based in the upper kitchen at Le Talbooth, the dedicated team bring with them all the skill and expertise you would expect from our flagship restaurant. Every event Milsom Catering looks after is different, from weddings, special birthday celebrations and anniversaries to award nights, county shows, cricket festivals and charity fundraising parties. These could be for 60 or 600 people and the team take it all in their stride – even if it means a week of late nights or, in most cases, early mornings!. So if you are planning a party at 'your place', do get in touch with Ian Rhodes at Le Talbooth - he relishes a challenge and will help you plan the perfect celebration. **Call 01206 323150.**



Archant Suffolk Tourism Awards, Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

## THE WEAVERS ROOM

If you are thinking of a family or business celebration, then come and take a look at the **Weavers Room at Le Talbooth**. A perfect intimate space on the first floor in the oldest part of the building, the Weavers Room lends itself to parties of 10 to 32 with different configurations of tables.

From £50 per person for three courses, including coffee and chocolates. Room hire is £150, which includes canapés.



**Call 01206 323150 FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## 2020 ACCOMMODATION OFFERS AT THE PIER, MILSOMS AND MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

WE LOVE TO GIVE YOU AN EXCUSE TO COME AND STAY WITH US SO HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO HELP YOU ENJOY THE START OF 2020 IN STYLE!



### JANUARY DINNER'S ON US

A huge favourite with our guests - and who can blame them? You pay for bed and breakfast in your hotel of choice (or maybe try them all) and dinner is on us!

#### INCLUDED:

- Three course dinner with free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

#### From £85 per person

Available throughout January, excluding Saturday nights, subject to availability and based on two sharing.



### FABULOUS FEBRUARY

A special package for February, treat yourself and loved ones – they are worth it.

#### INCLUDED:

- Three course dinner with free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast
- Bottle of Moët Imperial Champagne, red rose and chocolates

#### From £115 per person

Available throughout February excluding Saturday nights and Friday 14th February. Subject to availability and based on two sharing.



### SPRING INTO MILSOMS

Longer days (at last) and the clocks spring forward at the end of March, so it's a perfect time to visit us.

#### INCLUDED:

- Three course dinner with free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast
- Cream tea (scones, clotted cream, jam)
- Bottle of Prosecco

#### From £115 per person

This break is available throughout March, April and May, excluding Saturday nights, subject to availability and based on two sharing.

**CALL TO BOOK:** Milsoms 01206 322795 / Milsoms Kesgrave Hall 01473 333741 / The Pier 01255 241212

*These special offers cannot be used in conjunction with the Milsom Card*

# MILSOM PEOPLE

## GROWING THE FAMILY

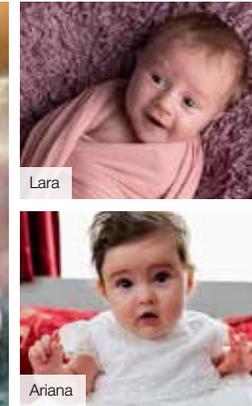
There has been an abundance of babies at Le Talbooth in 2019. Jess was first with **Grace** who was born in January, followed by Iona's baby **Ariana** who arrived in April. Restaurant manager Simona's baby **Lara** was born in August. **Rory**, baby son of Keighley and Stevie was born in September. **Congratulations to everyone!**



Grace



Rory



Ariana



### TOM BOOTON

We were delighted to hear that Tom had been appointed as head chef at The Dorchester Grill; at just 26 Tom is the youngest head chef in the restaurant's 88 year history.

Tom started work in the kitchen at Le Talbooth when he was just 15 and while he was with us he became the Essex Young Chef of the Year and was noted as 'one to watch'. Recently asked who he admired in catering, he said 'Ian Rhodes at Le Talbooth, for putting up with me for four years'. Tom's promotion is a tremendous achievement and we wish him well in his new role.

## RECRUITMENT

We are always looking for people to work in all of our hotels, restaurants and outside catering. There are roles for people wanting to work full time, part time or flexi time (the latter is particularly good for returning to work when your children start at nursery or school).



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DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNICATION



RECOGNITION

If you or someone you know are looking for full or part time work then take a look at [www.milsompeople.com](http://www.milsompeople.com), we've already employed a significant number through this channel.



# THE NEW STAR OF DEDHAM

## MAISON TALBOOTH



We received some more exciting news in September, with the announcement that Maison Talbooth had been awarded 4 Red Stars at the AA's annual award ceremony in London. This accolade, also known as Inspectors' Choice, is only given to the very best hotels in the UK.

**Stas Anastasiades**, Operations Director at Milsom Hotels & Restaurants, said: *"We couldn't be more delighted to be recognised by the AA Hotels Services as a 4 AA Red Star hotel; to go through such a robust and thorough inspection process and to have delivered across the board gives us the confidence to believe that we are heading in the right direction for the future. We will continue with our approach of the warmest hospitality, aspirational design and traditional innkeeping with renewed confidence."*

When Maison Talbooth opened in 1969, the hotel was much ahead of its time with the focus on luxury and indulgence. Ten years ago, the hotel underwent a substantial reinvestment with the addition of a day spa, garden room, outdoor pool, pool house and tennis court to ensure it remained ahead of the game as one of the iconic hotels in the UK. Today, the hotel offers much more than just luxury accommodation, with its exclusive use house parties, day spa and weddings meaning it is well set for the next 50 years.

### MAISON TALBOOTH HOUSE PARTY WINNERS

You may remember we ran a competition throughout 2018 to win an exclusive use house party at Masion Talbooth to celebrate the hotel's 50th birthday. We're delighted to say the winners were **David and Jane Sweeney**, who enjoyed their prize in August.

They said: *"Thank you all for such a wonderful experience, we couldn't believe we won a party at Maison Talbooth! Everyone had a thoroughly good time and can't believe they were invited to such a special occasion. Both ourselves and our guests were blown away by your team's hospitality, service and culinary expertise. We would have no hesitation in recommending Maison Talbooth and, in particular, the house parties to everyone."*



## UNMISSABLE OFFERS AT MAISON TALBOOTH



### DINNER'S ON US

Back again at Maison Talbooth by popular demand and it's a really great chance to stay overnight with a delicious dinner at Le Talbooth on us.

#### INCLUDED:

- Three course dinner at Le Talbooth, free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

#### From £150 per person

Available throughout January, excluding Saturday nights, subject to availability and based on two sharing.



### FABULOUS FEBRUARY AT MAISON

The most romantic of hotels; and what could be better than an overnight stay in the newest 4 AA Red Star hotel in Essex.

#### INCLUDED:

- Four course tasting dinner with coffee and chocolates at Le Talbooth
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast
- Red rose, a bottle of Moët Imperial Champagne and chocolates in your room on arrival

#### From £185 per person

Available Monday to Friday during February excluding Friday 14th subject to availability and based on two sharing.



### MAGICAL MAISON

Enjoy a swim in the outdoor pool - it's heated all year round - then jump in the hot tub before relaxing in front of the fire!

#### INCLUDED:

- Three course dinner at Le Talbooth with free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast
- 30 minute spa treatment per person
- Bottle of Moët Imperial Champagne in your room on arrival

#### From £185 per person

Available Monday to Friday during March, April and May, subject to availability and based on two sharing.

**CALL TO BOOK:** Maison Talbooth 01206 322367

*These special offers cannot be used in conjunction with the Milsom Card*

### NEW HOTEL MANAGER

We are delighted to welcome Evangeline Wells to Maison Talbooth as Hotel Manager. Evie was in the first group of students to graduate from the Edge Hotel School at Wivenhoe House in 2014.



Evie has settled into life in Dedham and is really enjoying her new role at the hotel - when she was 17 she came for an interview but didn't take the job then but always knew she would be back one day!



**BOOK A TREATMENT TODAY**  
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### NEWS FROM THE TREATMENT ROOMS

One thing we love about the day spa is the wide and ever-changing range of treatments and products. This year has seen the introduction of American volume lashes and threading for hair removal. On the products side, we have introduced the Gel Bottle for amazing nail polishes, and Loggique, a local artisan company supplying a range of candles, diffusers and room sprays.



The Milsoms team

## MILSOMS IN DEDHAM ★★★★★

The Milsoms team were delighted to hear the hotel had been awarded another star, bringing the rating to 4 AA Stars, which is a credit to Geoff Hare and all the staff who work there. This means that Milsoms joins The Pier and Milsoms Kesgrave Hall, who also have 4 Stars!

Milsoms have also been included in the Top 100 Restaurants in the UK by SquareMeal, the online restaurant guide covering the British Isles. To get into the Top 100, each restaurant needs to receive votes and reviews from members of the public.

When announcing the Top 100, SquareMeal said: "A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our quest to find the SquareMeal Best UK Restaurants of 2019. Thousands of votes have flooded in from all over the country and a place anywhere on the list is a major achievement."



BOOK A STAY AT MILSOMS  
Call 01206 322795

## YOUR PERFECT PARTY SETTING

From mid-November, the terrace at Milsoms is transformed into the WINTERBAR (wooden furniture, mood lighting, throws and a funky bar) and is available to hire for a private party. The WINTERBAR adds to the informal setting at Milsoms and is an interesting alternative to the Mess and the Library. There's a hire charge of £100 (with bar and front of house staff included) and a variety of food from just £15 per person. Numbers for the WINTERBAR are a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 60.

If you'd like to know more, give Milsoms a call on 01206 322795

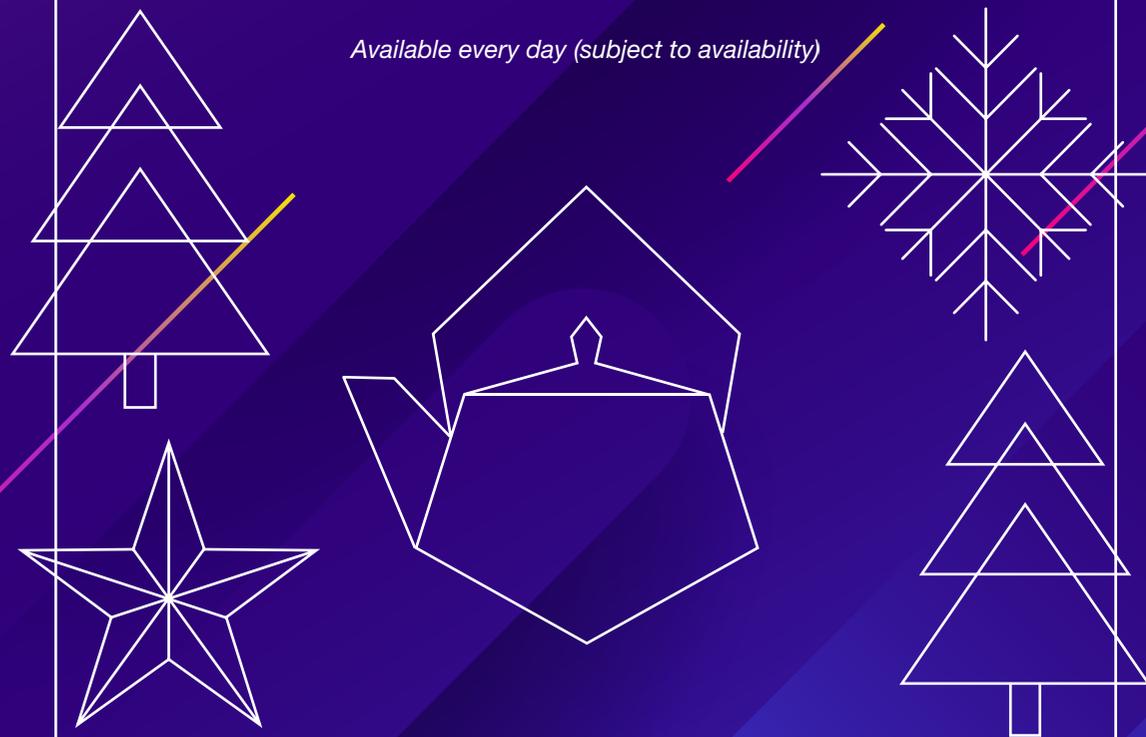
## LATE AVAILABILITY FOR CHRISTMAS

A large number of our Christmas events have already sold out but here is a quick round up of what is still available for Christmas 2019; from Party Nights at Kesgrave Hall to New Year's Eve at Le Talbooth, Christmas Lunch at The Pier or dinner at Le Talbooth. And of course, Christmas Afternoon Tea at Maison Talbooth, Kesgrave Hall and The Pier – there's something for everyone!

Don't forget to buy your Christmas Vouchers, available at our individual properties or online – they make the perfect present and are worth 20% more if redeemed in January 2020.

## CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Available every day (subject to availability)



The Pier at Harwich £19.50 | Maison Talbooth £23.95 | Milsoms Kesgrave Hall £20.50

TO BOOK: The Pier at Harwich 01255 241212 / Maison Talbooth 01206 322367  
(With no need to book at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall)

[www.milsomhotels.com/christmas](http://www.milsomhotels.com/christmas)

## LE TALBOOTH

TO BOOK CALL 01206 323150

### LUNCH IN THE RIVER ROOM

Monday to Saturday

**Two courses £31**

**Three courses £39**

Traditional turkey (carved by the Chef at your table) and Christmas pudding will be on the lunch menu during December

Minimum two – maximum 12  
(if you want to go 'crackers' just ask)

### WEAVERS ROOM

Lunch or dinner in the Weavers on the first floor at Le Talbooth takes some beating – we think it's the perfect room for smaller parties for families, friends and business.

Choose either:

Three course lunch with coffee & mince pies  
**From £42.50 per person**  
(crackers and hats included)

Or

Three course dinner with a glass of fizz on arrival, coffee & mince pies  
**From £55 per person**  
(crackers and hats included)

If you are on our Party Night package (from £58 per person) and choose to use the Weavers Room, the dancing awaits downstairs!

*Minimum 12 maximum 34 and no room hire during December when on the Christmas menu*

### BOXING DAY

Fizz on arrival, four course lunch with coffee and chocolates

**£90 per person**

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

See in the New Year in style with us at Le Talbooth

- Moët Imperial Champagne and canapés
- Welcome piper
- Five course dinner with coffee and chocolates
- Dancing to Dreamwave Events
- Glass of Moët Imperial Champagne at midnight (with the full countdown from Big Ben and a great view of the fireworks on the Thames!)

**£170 per person**

### NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH

The perfect start to 2020, relax and enjoy the day with a three course lunch at Le Talbooth

**£55 per person**

“CHRISTMAS  
SPARKLES  
BY THE  
RIVER STOUR”

## MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

TO BOOK CALL 01473 333741

### COMEDY LUNCH

**Tuesday 17th December from 12.30pm**

After such a fun event last year with the guest appearance of Donald Trump, we've again secured two great comedians, Ian Irving and Andy Askins, who we know will go down a storm with the Kesgrave Hall audience

Glass of fizz on arrival

Three course lunch, coffee and mince pie

**£55 per person**

### PARTY TIME

For private parties for friends, family or business look no further than The Bunker or The Mess. Just make the booking and we'll do the rest

Three course lunch or dinner, coffee and mince pies

**£37 per person**

The Bunker minimum 12 - maximum 18

The Mess minimum 12 - maximum 24

Hire charge of £150 in both rooms

### NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE RESTAURANT

Kesgrave Hall will be open as usual with the full menu available from 12pm right through to 10pm – with no booking required

### NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE HANGAR

Definitely the best way to welcome 2020!

- Moët Imperial Champagne and canapés
- Four course black tie dinner
- Dreamwave Events DJ with Sister Sax
- Live link to Big Ben for the countdown and virtual fireworks from the river Thames

**£120 per person**

### CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

Only two party dates left now, all the rest are full!

Thursday 12th December  
Wednesday 18th December

- Sparkling wine reception
- Three course dinner with coffee
- Dreamwave Events DJ with Sister Sax

**£63 per person**

## MAISON TALBOOTH

TO BOOK CALL 01206 322367

### ACCOMMODATION FOR PARTY NIGHTS

If you're attending one of the popular Party Nights at Le Talbooth during December, then don't forget to take advantage of our special accommodation offer at Maison Talbooth. We have a bed and breakfast package available exclusively for Party Night guests, with luxury rooms for two people

**available from just £150**

“ALL IS  
BRIGHT”



**THE WINTERBAR**

From mid-October the terrace at Milsoms will be transformed into The WINTERBAR (wooden furniture, mood lighting, throws and funky bar) and is available for a private party

The WINTERBAR adds to the relaxed and informal setting at Milsoms and is an interesting alternative to our more traditional private rooms

**Hire charge £100**

**Food from £15 per person**

Minimum 20 - maximum 60

**MR G'S**

A great room for entertaining and really popular at any time of the year; a personal chef and member of the front of house team are included

Three course lunch or dinner

**£36 per person**  
(crackers and party hats)

**Room hire charge £175**

Minimum 14 - maximum 30

**THE LIBRARY**

A delightful room at the front of the building adjacent to the lounge

Three course lunch or dinner

**£32.50 per person**  
(crackers and party hats included)

**Room hire £50**

Minimum 8 - maximum 16

“WONDERFUL WINTER”



**THE PIER**

**THE SALOON IN DECEMBER**

Christmas Celebration Menu  
(Three course lunch or dinner with choices)

**£25 per person** (including crackers)

Minimum 10 – maximum 24

Sunday to Thursday no room hire charge  
**Friday and Saturday £75 room hire charge**

**DECEMBER IN THE RESTAURANT**

Christmas Celebration Menu  
(Three course lunch or dinner with choices)

**£25 per person**

No need to book, Sunday through to Friday, starting on Monday 2nd December

Same menu as the Saloon but for two + people

**BOXING DAY LUNCH**

Three course set menu from 12pm to 3pm

**£42.50**



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**GETTING THINGS DONE**

There's business and there's Milsom Business and we firmly believe that work should be enjoyable (and of course productive) so we've come up with a couple of exciting events that will be taking place during 2020.

**BUSINESS SHOWCASE**

We are pleased to confirm the date of **Thursday 14th May 2020 4.30pm – 7.30 pm** for our third Milsom Business Showcase in the Marquee at Le Talbooth.

This year we are excited to announce our keynote speaker as David Whiteley – BBC TV and Radio Presenter. David, who was born in Essex, fronts the BBC One Current Affairs programme Inside Out.

David regularly hosts BBC Look East and can be heard on his BBC Radio Norfolk show, Treasure Quest, every Sunday morning. David will give us a fun and informative insight into his work in media across the region and nationally along with the dos and don'ts of a feature and news story.

This is a perfect opportunity for informal networking as well as meeting leading local businesses, and of course, sampling some excellent Milsom hospitality.



David Whiteley

**Tickets are £36 and can be booked online or via email [suetasker@milsomhotels.com](mailto:suetasker@milsomhotels.com)**

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT AT MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL**



Join us at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall on Thursday 6th February 2020 for our first Women in Business lunch with Sian Jones.

Sian is a TV presenter, executive speaker coach and communications consultant and was also a regular presenter for over eight years on the ITV's Morning News programme.

We also look forward to welcoming **Fresh Start New Beginnings** who are joining us to talk about the important work they do.

This event is kindly sponsored by Ellisons Solicitors.

**Tickets are £35 per person and include two course lunch with coffee. To book call 01473 333741 or email [reception@kesgravehall.com](mailto:reception@kesgravehall.com)**

**BOOKING INCENTIVE SCHEME**

Earn points and rewards every time you book accommodation, meetings or meals at any of our properties with the Milsom Incentive Scheme. Every booking is worth points, which can be redeemed for a variety of rewards such as a three course lunch for two at Milsoms, Kesgrave Hall or The Pier, or Afternoon Tea for two at Maison Talbooth.

**If you would like to register your company, get in touch by email to [suetasker@milsomhotels.com](mailto:suetasker@milsomhotels.com)**



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# VE DAY BALL 8TH MAY 2020

'We can't have another party next year to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day' ... 'No, we can't organise another huge party at Kesgrave Hall' so went the conversation, but then... 'how about bringing the party 'home' to Le Talbooth?' So that is exactly what we are doing!

A story often told, but in 1985 Paul's father Gerald Milsom organised a spectacular party to end all parties for the 40th anniversary of VE Day. The hiring of a Spitfire broke the budget but rain on the day prevented the plane even taking off and (luckily for some) there was a no-fly-no-fee waiver in the booking which saved the day.



A throwback to the 2015 VE Day Party

We are again raising money for the **ABF, The Soldiers Charity** for the third time (hence the reason we are lucky enough to get the band). At the VE Party in 2015 we raised **£20,000**, in 2018 for the Armistice Ball it was **£27,000** and in 2020 we'll do our best to equal the amount. To do this, we have been supported by several of our suppliers who are either giving their time or products in aid of this important cause.

**Do join us for what is going to be a fabulous evening in the grounds of Le Talbooth. Tickets are £150 per person which includes Moët Champagne and canapé reception, three course dinner with wine, entertainment and several extras.**

**For more information or to buy tickets, please email Sue at [Sue@milsomhotels.com](mailto:Sue@milsomhotels.com)**

Preparations are well underway for our party on Friday 8th May 2020 and once we had decided on the party, the government kindly decided to move the bank holiday to the same day. Le Talbooth is booked with the Champagne and canapés reception in the River Room, an Army Band booked to Beat Retreat on the lawn before dinner, before dancing and entertainment in the Marquee. And yes, we did try and book a Spitfire but unfortunately they are unable to fly in such close proximity to the A12 so the budget is intact!



## CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Kesgrave Hall hosted their second Fashion Show in September, raising over £4,500 for the GeeWizz Charity, and now attention is turning to next year's event.

Join us in The Hangar from 11 am on **Tuesday 12th March 2020** for our next show, in conjunction with fashion retailer ANNA, where you'll be able to enjoy the fashion show, Prosecco and canapés, a two-course lunch, coffee and the chance for networking and shopping.



Tickets will cost £50 per person and can be bought online at [www.milsomhotels.com/fashion-show-march-2020](http://www.milsomhotels.com/fashion-show-march-2020)

## A WHIFF OF TRUMP

There was a surprise visitor to the Marquee during September when 'Donald Trump' appeared as the guest of honour at the **Graham Gooch Charity Foundation**. Graham runs the foundation to further cricket in Essex and has raised in excess of £1.5 million to support the charity.



Paul, Donald and Geraldine

## GREAT BRITISH BREAKFASTS

It could possibly be the best kept secret in Milsom Hotels, but The Pier, Milsoms and Milsoms Kesgrave Hall are open from 7.00am (7.30am on Sundays) for breakfast with plenty of choice available from healthy or lighter options through to the full English, accompanied by a selection of coffee and teas.

Of course, there's no need to book, with breakfast available every day, so why not start your day the 'Milsom' way?

*If you are a party of six or more, give us a call the night before to let us know you're coming.*



View all breakfast menus online: [www.milsomhotels.com/breakfast](http://www.milsomhotels.com/breakfast)

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**THE GREAT BRITISH BREAKFAST**

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MILSOMS • THE PIER • MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

# THE PIER AT HARWICH

There has been so much going on in Harwich over the last year, it is difficult to know where to start! In July, the long-awaited Mayflower statue sailed into Harwich on the back of a transporter and is now firmly ensconced on the International Port roundabout. November saw the installation of the Mayflower Trail through the town followed by the opening of the Mayflower Welcome Centre at Esplanade Hall and Christopher Jones's House in Kings Head Street (opposite the Alma). All this tells the story of the Pilgrim Fathers who travelled to the New World against all odds. The 'Mayflower of Harwich' and her master, Captain Christopher Jones, played an incredible part in this journey. Without Jones's tenacity, it is doubtful whether the first travellers would have survived.



Mayflower Harwich 1620



Stena Harwich 2019



The 'official' celebrations start on **Friday 29th November** when every town which is part of the Mayflower 400 takes part in the Illuminate Festival. The Harwich Festival is going to be pretty spectacular with light shows, a tunnel of light and entertainment on the Quay, as well as a candlelit procession around the town. On the following evening, a night flight takes place over the harbour at 4.30pm.

Harwich has a jam-packed calendar of events and festivals every year; and in 2020 they have all come together with the prefix 'Mayflower'. Do take a look at the Harwich Tourism website:

[www.historicharwich.com](http://www.historicharwich.com) which is up to date with local news and a calendar of events.

And don't miss **the Octopus Ahoy!** public art event taking place in Essex 2020. This large-scale event will celebrate the 400th anniversary of Master Christopher Jones' sea voyage aboard the Mayflower.

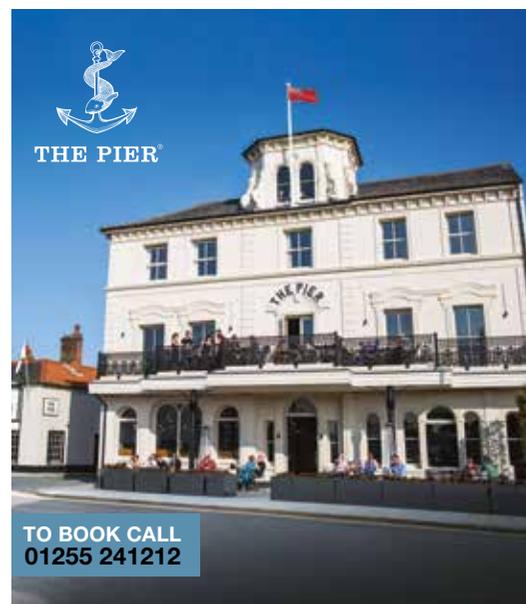
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How can I help?

## STEVIE ROBSON – OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Having previously enjoyed the position of co-head Chef since 2016, we were delighted when Stevie Robson took over the reins as General Manager of The Pier in June. Stevie lives just over the border in Suffolk and likes nothing more than a cycle ride to Shotley and then catching the foot ferry back to Harwich (between shifts). So far it has been a busy year for him with the new appointment and the arrival of baby son Rory.



TO BOOK CALL  
01255 241212

## MAYFLOWER 1620 MENU

To mark the 400th anniversary of the historic sailing to America, the Mayflower 1620 menu is a celebration of local seafood, superb steak and wonderful wine.

Baked seafood platter- Harwich crab thermidor, baked scallop Rockefeller, garlic prawns, mussels & crispy squid served with skinny fries  
£16.20

300g sirloin steak, skinny fries, field mushroom, baby gem with parmesan dressing & crispy onions with a choice of peppercorn or béarnaise sauce  
£16.20

500ml Carafe of Petit Chablis Vibrant, La Chablisienne 2016 Burgundy, France (or equivalent)

or

Malbec, Vista Flores, Catena 2016 Mendoza, Argentina (or equivalent)  
£16.20

Available at lunch and dinner, Monday to Friday during January and February 2020, excluding Friday 14th February.

**CALL TO BOOK 01255 241212 OR JUST DROP IN**

## A UNIQUE BREAK TO DISCOVER MAYFLOWER 2020

The word Mayflower is the hot topic of conversation in Harwich at the moment. Here is a special break to make the most of the history of this amazing ship.

- Three course dinner free choice from the full menu
- Bed and breakfast
- Mayflower or Captain Jones Cocktail
- Entry to Christopher Jones house and the Mayflower Welcome Centre

**£115 per person**

Available in November 2019, and then throughout 2020.



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Weddings

## MILSOM WEDDINGS OPEN DAYS

The best way to view our wedding venues is definitely at one of the Milsom Wedding Open Days, when the space is set up and gives you the chance to meet several of our lovely suppliers in one place. If you prefer, give us a call and start planning now.

**Maison Talbooth & Le Talbooth 01206 323150 / Milsoms Kesgrave Hall 01473 333741**

### MAISON TALBOOTH

Sunday 5th January  
12 noon to 4.00pm

Sunday 26th April  
12 noon to 3.00pm

### LE TALBOOTH

Sunday 29th March  
10.30am to 3.00pm

Sunday 3rd May  
10.30am to 3.00pm

### KESGRAVE HALL

Sunday 12th January  
10.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday 1st March  
10.00am to 2.00pm

Sign up at [www.milsomweddings.com](http://www.milsomweddings.com) to be included in the news and emails regarding these events

## HENGRAVE HALL

Hengrave Hall, near Bury St Edmunds, is definitely one of our favourite wedding venues and as the dedicated caterer, the Milsom Catering team headed by Event Manager Emily Brown and Head Chef Chris Noble certainly see a great variety of weddings throughout the year. As well as a church, Hengrave Hall offers the chance of exclusivity for the wedding party with over 30 bedrooms to choose from either in the main house or in the walled garden. The grounds are magnificent from the sun soaked West Terrace to the long drive which greets all guests to Hengrave Hall.

To find out more, visit [www.milsomweddings.com](http://www.milsomweddings.com)



The splendid Hengrave Hall



## LET'S HEAR FROM OUR MILSOM WEDDINGS...

### LE TALBOOTH

One of the best decisions over the last couple of years has been to obtain a civil license for the River Room, allowing the bridal party to take over the Le Talbooth for the day (from the ceremony through to 7pm). We think it is a winning combination! Here are the thoughts and a picture from Emily and Adam who got married at Le Talbooth in May.

*"To Keighley and the whole team at Milsoms (especially the Chef!) Just wanted to thank you so much for making our wedding day so perfect. The service was outstanding and support on the day was amazing. My husband and I were taken care of so well and the venue and presentation of everything was so beautiful. Thank you! We can't express enough how unbelievable the food was, people are still raving about it!"*

**Emily and Adam**

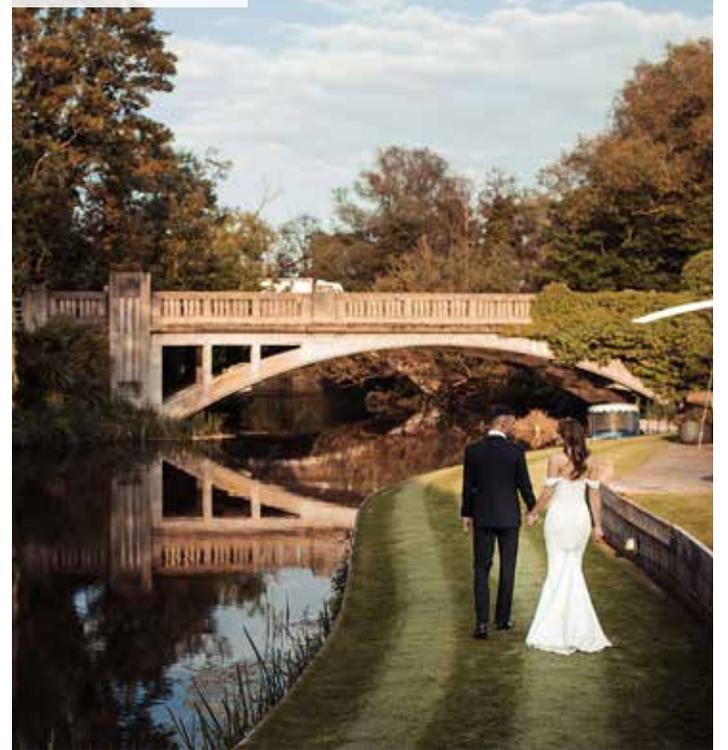
### MAISON TALBOOTH

Milsom Weddings also wanted to share Denise and George's wedding. They chose to get married at Maison Talbooth, with their wedding breakfast in the Marquee and a stay at Idle Waters for the weekend!

*"Having worked for Milsom Hotels for three years when we got engaged, there was no doubt about where we would get married. I knew exactly how professional everything was, we didn't even have to view any other venues!"*

**Denise and George**

Emily and Adam at Le Talbooth



Denise and George at Maison Talbooth



Josh and Lauryn at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall



## THE HANGAR AT MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

Josh Vartan, a senior member of the Kesgrave Hall team, got married this summer and of course, he chose to have his wedding in The Hangar.

*"Well we were obviously not going to get married anywhere else, Kesgrave Hall is so special to us, the place we first met and worked together and I'm still here managing The Hangar."*

*"What can we say apart from WOW! we can't thank the team enough for making our wedding day the most perfect day to remember. The Hangar was simply the most perfect venue, the room looked amazing and from the moment we booked to the actual day itself everything was stress free and professional. Thank you!"*

**Josh and Lauryn**



LATE FEBRUARY 2020



Be one of the first to receive updates – sign up at [www.milsomhotels.com/kesgrave-hall/spa](http://www.milsomhotels.com/kesgrave-hall/spa)

There's a great deal of excitement and a certain buzz in the air at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall at the moment as the build of the new Kesgrave Hall Spa is well under way and set to open in early Spring 2020.

The amazing design concept comes from the Hills Group who, as well as undertaking the build, are our partners at Kesgrave Hall. The building will have wooden cladding with large sections of bi-folding doors giving a lovely light and open feel. On the decking, there will be a huge double-sided log burner with comfy seating and a large and unique hot tub; this area will be for hotel and day spa package guests.

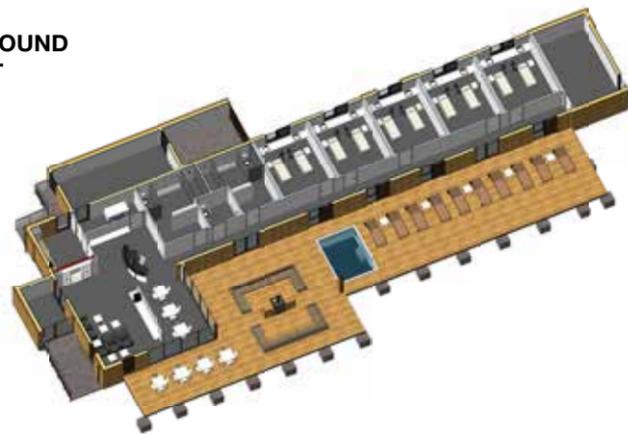
The new spa will have five double treatment rooms with an individual treatment menu, as well as a selection of packages such as a Full Spa Day or Lovely Lunch and Afternoon Indulgence (yes, that one offers a full Afternoon Tea!). There will also be a reduced menu for those wanting to eat at the Spa, although of course you are more than welcome to wander down to the restaurant if you prefer.

The spa is a much needed facility for Kesgrave Hall and will be open to all - the space will also be ideal for group spa days whether leisure, corporate or for a hen party. The event team are already receiving enquiries from couples who are getting married at Kesgrave Hall - one bride even asked if they should change the date of their wedding! We think she was joking...

If you want to keep in touch for the latest news and opening date, simply email [reception@kesgravehall.com](mailto:reception@kesgravehall.com) and we will add you to the database. And of course, a voucher would make a great present at any time of year!



### 3D VIEW OF GROUND FLOOR LAYOUT



### A TASTER OF UPCOMING SPA PACKAGES



As well as a great range of spa treatments, we'll be offering some fabulous packages in the Kesgrave Hall Spa. Below is a taste of what to expect:

#### WAKE ME UP

Enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by one choice of the following options:

- Visible brilliance facial
- Gel manicure or pedicure
- Powerdirect 25 and express facial

#### LOVELY LUNCH

Treat yourself to a relaxing two-course lunch followed by two of the following options:

- Visible brilliance facial
- Aromatherapy Associates Essential Rose Facial
- Powerdirect25 and express facial
- Powerdirect55
- The Ultimate Aromatherapy Associates Experience 55
- Hot stone massage
- Gel manicure or pedicure

#### AFTERNOON INDULGENCE

True indulgence with a full afternoon tea followed by a choice of either:

- Mini manicure
- Mini pedicure
- Gel nails hands or feet

#### DAY SPA

Spend a relaxing day at the spa, including:

- Welcome spa pack and complimentary tea or coffee on arrival
- Delicious two-course lunch or afternoon tea
- Choose two 55-minute treatments to complete your package

#### AFTER HOURS SPA

Relax with an evening escape, including:

- Full afternoon tea and a glass of Champagne
- Use of our outdoor heated pool and hot tub
- Choose one 25-minute treatment to complete your package

Please note, breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea will be served in the hotel as part of the above spa packages.

### SARAH OLIVER – THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

Sarah Oliver has been promoted to General Manager at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall; her face will be familiar as she has been with us since we opened in 2008 - first as the accountant, then as assistant General Manager. Sarah is married to Stuart Oliver, the Executive Chef at Kesgrave Hall.

Sarah's promotion left a space for an assistant General Manager so we were pleased to welcome Bruce Marques who joined the team in September. Bruce has previously worked in Plymouth at Langdon Court Hotel and Amberley Castle in West Sussex.



Bruce Marques and Sarah Oliver

## GIFT VOUCHERS

The perfect present for any occasion. Buy today.



YOUR VOUCHER IS WORTH **20% MORE** WHEN REDEEMED IN JANUARY 2020

Gift vouchers can be purchased at any Milsom Hotels property or online.

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### 20% EXTRA ON THE FACE VALUE OF VOUCHERS

Any voucher that is redeemed in January 2020 will be worth an extra 20% of the face value. Buy your MH&R vouchers before 31st December 2019 to receive this extra gift from us; don't forget our vouchers can be used throughout the group at all our hotels, restaurants and the Kesgrave Hall Spa when it opens in 2020!

T&C's: Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer, eg Milsom Card, 2 for 1 offer. Limited to maximum voucher value of £500 at any one time and must be purchased by 31st December 2019.



### MILSOM CARD 2 FOR 1 AT LE TALBOOTH

Now really is the time to join the Milsom Card; in January, February and March you and up to nine guests can receive the famous Le Talbooth '2 for 1' offer.

Buy three courses from the a la carte or set lunch menu and you will get the second dishes of equivalent value FREE.

There are three types of memberships available – Business, Single or Joint.

Sign up at [www.milsomhotels.com/themilsomcard](http://www.milsomhotels.com/themilsomcard)

The offer is only available at Le Talbooth on Monday and Tuesdays in January, February and March and applies to the card holder and up to nine guests. \*The 15% discount cannot be used in conjunction with the 2 for 1 offer

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AND KEEP ON FRIDGE

# Le Talbooth - EVENTS 2020



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EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
GRAND NATIONAL	Saturday 4th April	Glass of fizz, 4 course lunch, coffee, bookie	£90
VE DAY BALL	Friday 8th May	Champagne, canapés, 3 course dinner, entertainment	£150
MILSOM BUSINESS SHOWCASE	Thursday 14th May	Networking	£36
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY	Wednesday 17th June	Champagne, 4 course lunch, coffee, singer, boat, bookie	£90
ASCOT LADIES DAY	Thursday 18th June	Champagne, 4 course lunch, coffee, singer, boat, bookie	<b>FULL</b>
AFTERNOON TEA IN THE MARQUEE	Sunday 7th June	Fizz or Bellini, Afternoon Tea, Casper Clarke	£36
	Sunday 19th July	Fizz or Bellini, Afternoon Tea, Casper Clarke	£36
	Sunday 23rd August	Fizz or Bellini, Afternoon Tea, Casper Clarke	£36
RIVERSIDE BBQS	From Sunday 14th June throughout the summer until the end of August	Fizz or Pimms, BBQ, coffee, steel or jazz band	£55
GAME, SET, ROAST - THE WIMBLEDON LUNCH	Sunday 12th July	Gin & tonic or Pimms, 3 course Sunday lunch, coffee	£55
MARQUEE BBQS	Saturday 20th June	Fizz or Pimms, BBQ, coffee, steel band & DJ	£55
	Saturday 11th July	Fizz or Pimms, BBQ, coffee, steel band & DJ	£55
	Sunday 30th August	Fizz or Pimms, BBQ, coffee, steel band & DJ	£55
PARTY NIGHTS	Start Friday 4th December 2020		

# THE HANGAR - EVENTS 2020

MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL



EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
VALENTINES BALL	Saturday 15th February	Fizz, 3 course dinner, coffee, DJ	£54
CHARITY FASHION SHOW	Thursday 12th March	Fizz, canapés, 2 course lunch, coffee, shopping	£50
MOTHER'S DAY	Sunday 22nd March	Fizz, Afternoon Tea, singer	£30/15
BEERTOPIA	Friday 27th March	Dude food, craft ales, Prosecco, 2 live bands	£35
	Saturday 28th March	Dude food, craft ales, Prosecco, 2 live bands	£35
MIDSUMMER BALL	Friday 19th June	Fizz, 3 course dinner, coffee, DJ	£54
SUMMER BBQ	Saturday 18th July	Pimms, BBQ, dessert, coffee	£50
	Friday 21st August	Pimms, BBQ, dessert, coffee	£50
HALLOWEEN BALL	Saturday 31st October	Fizz, 3 course dinner, coffee, DJ	£54
PARTY NIGHTS START	Saturday 5th December	Fizz, 3 course dinner, coffee, DJ	From £65/70
COMEDY LUNCH	Tuesday 15th December	Fizz, 3 course lunch, coffee, DJ	£55

**TICKETS AVAILABLE - BOOK ONLINE TODAY!**

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