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Available at: LE TALBOOTH

FOREWORD

Welcome to our Winter newsletter, it's the first one we have produced for two years so let me start by wishing you a very happy and successful New Year and here's to hoping that 2022 finally sees us move past the Covid years and onto better times.

The challenges we have faced as a business have been myriad but looking back, I am proud to say that we have met each and every one head on and managed to overcome them all. The reason we have achieved this is quite simple and is down to two groups of people. Firstly, our fantastic team of staff, whose loyalty, hard work and support has been amazing often in very difficult circumstances, and secondly of course to you, our wonderful customers, who have returned in large numbers at each and every opportunity. Thank you for your unwavering support of all our enterprises.

Like many businesses, there were moments in late March, early April 2020 that I feared for our survival and at that point I resolved that if we did, we would certainly all be ready for a party in 2022 which just happens to be our 70th (platinum) anniversary as a family business. Planning a festival to celebrate this seemed a therapeutic way of banishing the gloom of Coronavirus. So, we set about creating a week of celebrations: seven consecutive parties to celebrate seven decades of Le Talbooth restaurant. I hope that many of you will find the time to join us at these special events (details on page 6), we want to make these the very best events we have ever organised and hopefully raise money for charity at the same time.

The other big news is the redevelopment of the Spa at Maison Talbooth around the pool and pool house complex. Building work began in November and we are really excited about the change of focus for Maison Talbooth that will come as a result. This has enabled us to take the opportunity to subtly rebrand the property and we will be letting you know about this in due course - watch this space.

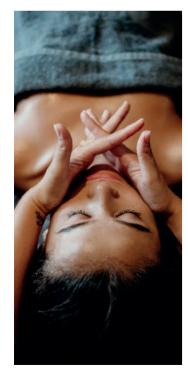
As we enter our 70th year, we are looking forward, not back and we certainly plan to give you even more great food, warm hospitality and above all fun in the year ahead.

Paul Milsom Managing Director

SPA EXTENSION AT MAISON TALBOOTH

Work has started on the exciting new spa extension to The Treatment Rooms at the Pool House ready for re-opening in the Spring. We are also working on some more exciting developments at the hotel over the winter and all will be revealed when we re-open the new Spa! Intrigued? Then follow us on social media for all the latest news.







One of the challenges of hotel pools has always been the balancing of guests who are staying for relaxation and families with children who want fun and games. We have decided that when the outdoor pool and spa re-open in the Spring, the area will be for adults only between 9am and 5pm (slightly later on the days we have an After Hours spa). Children are more than welcome to stay in the hotel and can use the pool before the Spa opens and once it has closed. Of course, if you have taken the hotel over for exclusive use then you will be able to have full use of the outdoor pool and hot tub during your stay.



Q&A WITH GERALDINE MILSOM

As you can see the big announcement for Maison Talbooth is... the Spa is doubling in size! To find out all the latest news, we had a quick chat with Geraldine Milsom who is masterminding the project and of course, we can't wait to see her latest design for this exciting new addition to the hotel.

WILL THERE BE A NEW RECEPTION AREA?

Yes, we are building a new reception

CAN WE EAT AT THE NEW SPA?

If you are on a full day spa then your

lunch can be taken either inside or

outside by the pool or beside the

(morning or afternoon) is a two-

course lunch at Milsoms. There'll

also be an After Hours Spa which includes supper at Milsoms.

INDIVIDUAL TREATMENTS SUCH

AS FACIALS, MASSAGE AND

Definitely, you'll still be more than

now for individual treatments.

PRODUCTS, TREATMENTS

AND THERAPIES - ARE THEY

Over the last year, we have come to

love the Elemis range of products

and the therapies and treatments

that complement them. So too,

AND WHAT ABOUT THE

welcome to use the Spa as you do

MANICURES?

CHANGING?

log fire. Included in the half day spa

area which will include an honesty

bar and several inside tables.



WHEN DID THE WORK START AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The pool area closed at the end of October and we plan to re-open at the end of March 2022, definitely in time for the Easter holidays in mid-April.

HOW MANY TREATMENT ROOMS WILL THERE BE?

The same as the Spa in the main house, two double rooms and one single. The current inside Pool House area will become the three new treatment rooms. GelBottle and OPI for nails. We believe that we are offering the best products; Elemis is a great brand to work with and their training is second to none.

ARE YOU EXCITED BY THIS LATEST INVESTMENT AT MAISON TALBOOTH?

Yes, very excited and we know it's going to be amazing and will make a stay at Maison Talbooth even more special. 2022 is going to be quite a year for Le Talbooth when the restaurant celebrates its 70th birthday; it seems only right that the Maison gets a piece of the action!

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE SPA ROOMS IN THE MAIN HOUSE?

They are staying, which means that we will have six treatment rooms at the hotel. Spa guests can use either space for treatments but we imagine if you are just popping for a manicure it might be easier to use the rooms in the hotel.

LASTLY, WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TREATMENT AND PRODUCT?

The first question is easy, a facial and with over 10 Elemis treatments to choose from there's one to suit everyone – my current favourite is the new Pro Glow Elemis facial. And I'm never without the Peptide4 Plumping Pillow Facial cream which has rapidly become my number one product!

STOP PRESS

Elemis launched a revolutionary new treatment in October 2021 - an unsurpassed, age-defying facial resulting in a more lifted, radiant youthful appearance.

The Pro Glow Genius facial is available now in the Treatment Rooms - try it you can see results after just one treatment!

ELEMIS

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SEVEN DAYS OF SPECTACULAR EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR SEVEN DECADES

CELEBRATING

Sunday 1st May

Platinum Ball £140 per person A glamorous and opulent start to the week - live band, dinner and much more

Monday 2nd May

Champagne Tea Party £70 per person Champagne, afternoon tea, cocktails, dancing to a live band

Tuesday 3rd May

Wine and Food Safari with Mr.Wheeler £75 per person (Lunch or Dinner) Eight growers from around the world showcasing their wines

Wednesday 4th May

Music and Magic £110 per person With Michael J Fitch (magician) and Matt Cardle (X Factor 2010)

Thursday 5th May

Bordeaux Dinner with Charlie Sichel £200 per person Seven Bordeaux wines from Chateau Angludet and Chateau Palmer

Friday 6th May

Caribbean BBQ £95 per person Steel band, DJ, samba dancers and BBQ

Saturday 7th May

V E Ball with the Army Band, Colchester £165 per person

Step back in time to the 1940s for a memorable evening of nostalgia and entertainment

ALL THE INFORMATION IS ONLINE

www.milsomhotels.com/platinum-festival



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PLATINUM

FESTIVAL

1952 - 2022

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MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

Looking back to the last newsletter, we mentioned that the Spa at Kesgrave Hall was set to open in early Spring 2020. Events overtook us but the good news is that the Spa finally opened the doors in late July 2020. Despite the fact the team were initially unable to offer the full range of treatments straight away, we can safely say that the new Spa hit the ground running and hasn't stopped since!



The Spa days have proved really popular, whether a half day which can be taken in the morning or afternoon, or a Spa day which means you can spend all day in the Spa, making full use of the large hot tub, sun terrace, unique log fire and comfy sofas.







A quick recap, the Spa has five double treatment rooms with an individual treatment menu and a great selection of packages such as Lovely Lunch, Afternoon Indulgence, After Hours Spa, Hen Do Spa, Bride To Be Spa, as well as the half and full days mentioned earlier.

Because of the number of treatment rooms, the Spa lends itself to group days whether leisure, corporate or hen party. Combined with an overnight stay in the hotel and dinner in the restaurant, we can't think of a better way to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.



ELEMIS - TREATMENT, THERAPIES AND PRODUCTS

At both our Spas at Kesgrave Hall and Maison Talbooth we wanted to ensure when choosing a brand that the products were luxurious as well as delivering proven results. Elemis is an award-winning brand which not only delivers through their products but also through their extensive range of face and body treatments. The treatments are delivered in such a way that relax the mind and body and leave you feeling ultimately pampered.

The support and training Elemis provide ensures that all the therapists are trained to the highest standard and can deliver and can tailor make the treatments to all our client's needs.



NEW TREATMENTS AT SPA AT KESGRAVE HALL

Alongside our Elemis Face and Body Treatments we are pleased to offer two specialist Facials which are new to the Spa.

Both these treatments are proving really popular; do ask your therapist about them at your next visit.

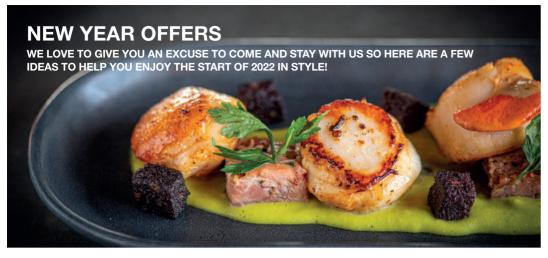
MICRONEEDLING

Microneedling is a procedure that uses small needles to prick the skin. The purpose of the treatment is to generate new collagen and skin tissue for smoother, firmer, more toned skin.

PROFHILO

Profhilo is an injectable antiageing treatment made from one of the highest concentrations of hyaluronic acid on the market. Ideal for skin that has lost its elasticity and firmness, helping to smooth out fine lines and wrinkles and giving the skin a natural looking youthful glow.

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A TRIO OF OFFERS FROM MILSOMS, MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL AND THE PIER



JANUARY ESCAPE

If you need an excuse for a stay in your favourite Milsom Hotel, here it is – definitely the best offer of 2022!

Included:

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

From £95 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're 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 £125 per person

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



SPRING INTO MILSOMS

The promise of longer days and Spring is just around the corner!

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 £125 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 any other offers and the Milsom Card







UNMISSABLE OFFERS AT MAISON TALBOOTH



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JANUARY ESCAPE AT MAISON TALBOOTH

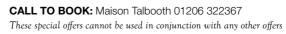
Treat yourself to a new year break in Dedham; this offer comes with dinner at Le Talbooth for an unbeatable price.

Included:

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

From £175 per person

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





FABULOUS FEBRUARY AT MAISON TALBOOTH

What could be better than an overnight stay in the Dedham Vale at the gorgeous Maison Talbooth?

Included:

- Three course 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 £200 per person

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

MAGICAL MAISON

Hotel, restaurant, spa – the winning combination and Magical Maison offers just that in one special overnight package.

Included:

- Glass of Moët Champagne, three course dinner at Le Talbooth with free choice from the full menu
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast
- 25 minute spa treatment per person

From £200 per person

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



THE PIER OCTOPUS AHOY!

During the Summer, visitors to Dedham and Harwich will have noticed two large octopuses outside The Pier and Milsoms. Named **'Take me to Banksy'** and **'Flying High'** the octopuses were part for the 30 strong Octopus Ahoy! trail throughout Essex. All the artworks were auctioned with money raised going to support projects in Harwich and the surrounding area.

Where did our octopuses go?

Banksy has moved to Dedham while Flying High has been joined by The Eight of Spades in Harwich. Both octopuses have pride of place on the terrace outside the Angel; over the winter this area will be developed to add extra outside seating and new planters for people wanting to sit outside and enjoy the atmosphere on the Quay.





ESCAPE TO IDLE WATERS

Enjoy a break in the Dedham Vale and stay in our delightful cottage, Idle Waters, which is situated on the River Stour. Located just across the river, on the opposite bank to Le Talbooth restaurant, our luxury self catering cottage is the perfect retreat from everyday life.

Find out more at www.milsomhotels.com/luxury-cottage

MILSOM BUSINESS

SCREEN SUFFOLK AT MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

Are you a cinema buff? Then join us for lunch on Thursday 10th February in The Mess at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall where Screen Suffolk will give us a fascinating insight into the world of film in Suffolk and we'll hear which films are in the pipeline.

Screen Suffolk offers a 'one-stop' film service, they promote Suffolk's film service infrastructure, creative talent and fantastic locations, all within easy reach of London. Screen Suffolk's aim is to make the county the most film-friendly county in the UK. Recent productions include **The Dig, The Personal History of David Copperfield** and **Yesterday.**



Tickets are £40 per person and include a twocourse lunch and coffee. To book call 01473 333741 or email reception@kesgravehall.com



WE BELIEVE 'BUSINESS

The third Milsom Business Showcase was held in Le Talbooth in September. Exhibitors and corporate

guests from across Essex and Suffolk enjoyed an

from ITV Anglia's David Whiteley. Welsh tenor John

Pierce energised the audience with his magnificent

his magic and fun as you can see from the picture!

Such was the success of the event; we are already

Save the date for Thursday 22nd September at

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Le Talbooth, if you are interested get in touch with

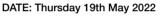
voice while Michael J Fitch entertained everyone with

enjoyable insight into the TV and media industry

SHOULD BE FUN'

planning the 2022 Showcase.

RUPERT KINGSTON THE FACE BEHIND





Join us for lunch in the Garden Room at Maison Talbooth and pick up a few tips from Rupert - such as 'everyone can wear a red lipstick' - and then enjoy a tour around the brand-new Spa at Maison Talbooth.

Rupert began his remarkable career as a make-up artist over 20 years ago, during which time he has worked in film, television and fashion, from making up top models to stars of the television and music business.

Over the years Rupert has developed his knowledge and skills for creating stunning looks but his real passion is making these looks easy and wearable for all women.

Currently Rupert travels all over the world as Creative Director and co-founder of delilah but still finds time to work on photo shoots and alongside designers, backstage at London Fashion Week. He is often asked for his expert opinion in many of the glossy magazines and has been a regular guest on national television.

Tickets are $\pounds40$ per person and can be bought by calling Maison Talbooth on 01206 322367.



GIFT VOUCHERS

The perfect present for any occasion. Buy today.



PLUS GET 20% EXTRA ON THE FACE VALUE OF VOUCHERS

Any voucher bought by 31st December 2021 will be worth an extra 20% if redeemed in January 2022 - call it an extra gift from us! Don't forget our vouchers can be used throughout the group at all our hotels, restaurants and spas.

T&Cs: 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 2021.





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

www.milsomhotels.com/gift-vouchers



Dish title: PECORINO AND BLACK PEPPER TORTELLINI

Created by: STUART OLIVER Available at: MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

PAUL AND PRIDE OF BRITAIN HOTELS

We were delighted to hear that Paul Milsom was announced as the new Life President of Pride of Britain Hotels in November.

Chief executive Peter Hancock commented: "As Pride of Britain Hotels approaches its 40th anniversary, we wanted to acknowledge Paul Milsom's unique contribution to the success of the organisation. Not only was his late father, Gerald Milsom OBE, the founder of Pride of Britain. but Maison Talbooth (a part of the Milsom Hotels & Restaurants business) is its longest-standing member property, all the other members of the 50-strong consortium having joined since.

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"Paul served as Chairman of Pride of Britain from 2003-2006 and remains a director of the company. More than that, he has been a mentor and friend to me during my 21 years as Chief Executive and will no doubt offer the same combination of support and wisdom to my

successor. Kalindi Juneia who assumed her new title on the same day (November 15th, 2021)."

PETER SHILTON

BOOK LAUNCH AT LE TALBOOTH





Charlie Milsom, Geraldine Milsom, Peter Shilton, Steph Shilton, Paul Milsom and Jack Milsom

WE'VE ADDED A TOUCH OF MAGIC TO MILSOM HOTELS!

We are pleased to have joined forces with Michael J Fitch, the award-winning magician who has performed all over the world including Buckingham Palace for Her Majesty The Queen.

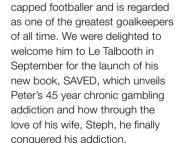
If you are having a party in one of our private rooms at Le Talbooth, The Pier, Milsoms, Milsoms Kesgrave Hall or maybe a house party at Maison Talbooth or The Pier then Michael can join you to make the evening (or lunch) extra special by creating a fun atmosphere and definitely a party to remember.

Ask one of our team for details when booking your event.



"Gerald Milsom was Life President until the title passed to George Goring OBE upon his death. With the sad recent loss of George Goring, it was an obvious choice to make Paul our new and, we hope. enduring Life President!







- Four course lunch with coffee - Casper Clarke (singer) - River trips on the Stour - Onsite bookmaker and screens

- On site bookmaker and screens

DERBY DAY IN THE MARQUEE

GRAND NATIONAL IN THE MARQUEE

Saturday 9th April

- Prosecco reception - Four course lunch with coffee

Caspar Clarke (singer)

Saturday 4th June

- Prosecco reception

ROYAL ASCOT IN THE MARQUEE WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY Wednesday 15th June

- Prosecco reception
- Four course lunch with coffee
- Casper Clarke (singer)
- River trips on the Stour - Onsite bookmaker and screens

ROYAL ASCOT IN THE MARQUEE LADIES DAY Thursday 16th June

- Champagne reception
- Four course lunch with coffee
- Casper Clarke (singer)
- River trips on the Stour
- Onsite bookmaker and screens





CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

PLATINUM RACING CALENDAR 2022

We love the Racing Days at Le Talbooth and they are a firm favourite in the diary. This year of course, there's the added bonus as Her Majesty the Oueen celebrates her Platinum Jubilee so we're also running Derby Day, which falls in the middle of the Queen's special bank holiday weekend.





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GOLF DAY 2022 MONDAY 27TH JUNE

A perennial favourite in our diary and believe it or not, 2022 is our 20th Golf Day. To make this year extra special, we have invited Ronan Rafferty to join us for the day.

The Northern Irish professional golfer formerly played on the European Tour and was in the European team who retained the Ryder Cup at the Belfry in 1989. You will all get a chance to 'beat the pro' on a Par 3, before Ronan joins us for the prizegiving and an after-dinner Q&A session.

The date is Monday 27th June at Colchester Golf Club with teams of four (a change this year!) with dinner and prizegiving in the evening at Le Talbooth.

Team members: £175 per person for golf, bacon roll, coffee, evening reception and three course dinner with chosen wines. Additional dinner guests: £90 per person for evening reception and three course dinner with chosen wines.

To book please email suebunting@milsomhotels.com



MILSOM CARD COCKTAIL PARTY

All Milsom Card holders will

be invited to the Platinum Cocktail Party in the Marquee at Le Talbooth in April 2022. As in previous years, this will be a chance

to catch up with fellow members and enjoy the

wonderful setting in the Talbooth gardens. This is a

complimentary event and the

invitations will be sent out at

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY

6TH APRIL 2022

the end of February.

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

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



Dish title: BURRATA ON BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND ROSE HARISSA PURÉE

Created by: BEN RUSH









2021 has been a very busy year for weddings at Le Talbooth, Maison Talbooth, Kesgrave Hall and Hengrave Hall, we've put together a gallery of what became a very memorable year for Milsom Weddings!

www.milsomweddings.com

We love being involved in all your wedding planning, this year has been challenging but we got there, so it lovely to receive such wonderful thank-you messages.

Hi Keighley & Alex,

Just wanted to drop a note from G and I now we're back from our mini-moon. Thank you doesn't really cut it! But thank you – honestly it was the best day ever! And all our guests said the same!

Thanks for all your hard work in helping us plan the day – it was such a smooth process. We were overwhelmed by how amazing all the staff were at the Maison – they couldn't do enough for us!

Thanks again,

Dear all at Le Talbooth

Thank you so much for everything you did to turn out wedding dream into a reality. We had such an amazing day and couldn't have wished for anything more. You have all been so helpful throughout an extraordinarily stressful time (thanks Covid) and appreciate everything you did for us.

See you next year for our anniversary meal!

With love, C and J xxx

Hi Alice,

To start with we haven't stopped smiling since we left the venue. Thank you so much to you and your team for making our wedding day perfect. We had the best day and we just wish we could do it all again!

Thank you for everything you have done and for always being so prompt with replying to any queries or questions that we had. The day went so smoothly and thank you for all your kind words and advice throughout the day. We really appreciate it, especially me with all the dress advice!

Finally thank you to all the catering team, we have had so many compliments about the food and drink it was delicious. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you again in the future. Take care and best wishes.

Mr & Mrs S

MILSOM WEDDING WEEKEND

Le Talbooth - Saturday 2nd April 2022. 10am to 2pm,

Milsoms Kesgrave Hall - Sunday 3rd April, 2022, 10am to 2pm

In the Marquee at Le Talbooth and the Hangar at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall

If you are planning a wedding or looking for a venue for your special day then save these dates in your diary!

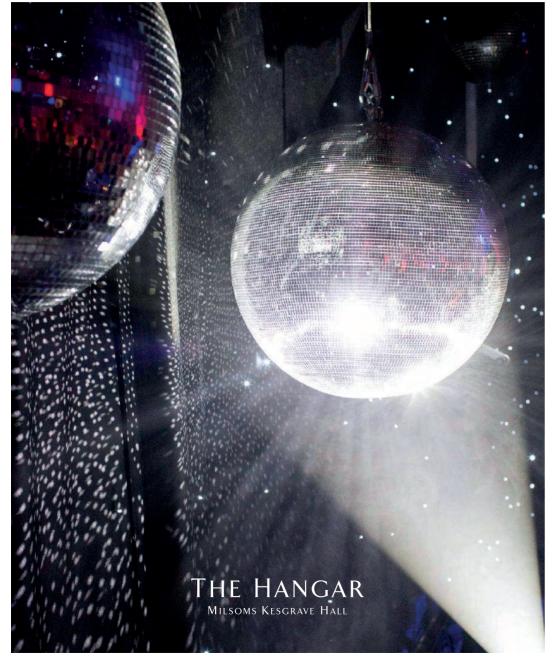
Wedding open days are a brilliant way to start your wedding planning, so if you're looking to tie the knot in 2022 or 2023, then come along and speak to the Milsom Weddings team at one of our next open days. There is no need to book, and it is free to attend! You'll also find wedding inspiration from our suppliers for every part of your day from start to finish. We look forward to meeting you then.

Sign up at www.milsomweddings.com to be included in the news and emails regarding these events

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THE HANGAR -THE PARTY SPECIALISTS

Parties are back! And by parties we mean anniversaries, birthday parties, weddings and business events, we specialise in them all in The Hangar at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall. So, if you're thinking of a celebration, give us a call and let's start planning!







From the moment of your first enquiry, you are in good hands when it comes to organising a party. As well as an experienced onsite event team, we work with an amazing set of suppliers who offer everything you could possibly need for the party from flowers and photographers to specialist cakes, themed lighting, sound and event production.

And of course, don't forget the food. The Hangar has a dedicated kitchen and brigade of chefs overseen by Kesgrave Hall's Geoff Johnson, who has designed a range of menus to suit every occasion.

To find out more about this great event space, call The Hangar team on **01473 333741**, email **reception@kesgravehall.com** or visit **www.milsomhotels.com/the-hangar/**



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HANGAR

Book online at www.milsomhotels.com, call 01473 333741 or email reception@kesgravehall.com





MILSOM PEOPLE

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and as usual, we like to give you a quick rundown of the 'Milsom People' news. During the past year or so, life has certainly been challenging but everyone has risen to this by working extra days and hours as well as helping each other out when the necessity arose.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHENS

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Andrew Hirst has been promoted to the position of Executive Chef at Le Talbooth: he will continue to be responsible for the development of the food in the main restaurant kitchen but now has the added responsibility of working with the Milsom Catering team and overseeing the events and parties at Maison Talbooth, also in Dedham,

As a result, Jamie Jackson has been promoted to Head Chef at Le Talbooth Restaurant. Jamie has worked at Le Talbooth for some 15 years on and off, starting straight from college and working his way up to senior sous before being appointed head chef.



Paul Milsom, managing director, said: "We are delighted with these two promotions. Andy has done so much for Le Talbooth since he joined us nine years ago by moving the food to another level and achieving three AA rosettes. To promote our next Head Chef from within our own kitchen means a lot to me personally, and also to our company. We are always very aware of the talent we already have in our ranks and do our utmost to back them and help them achieve their ambitions."



Luke Blackham has recently been appointed Deputy General Manager at The Pier. Luke first joined The Pier in 2016 (where has the time gone!) and he gets a double entry this year as Luke and Alex (restaurant manager at The Pier) got married in August this year. After a church wedding in Colchester, Luke and Alex had their reception in the Marguee at Le Talbooth and then stayed at Idle Waters, our cottage by the River Stour.

For many of our guests Jess Counsell is a familiar face as she started at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall before coming to Dedham and working at Milsoms and Le Talbooth. Last year. Jess took over the running of Milsom Catering, which involves all the outside events, weddings and parties. As you can imagine, this is a demanding and varied role as we cater all over Essex and Suffolk at some fabulous venues - each with their different challenges, all of which Jess takes in her stride.





JACK MILSOM IN THE KITCHEN

Jack has been working in the Talbooth kitchen over the past few months and is really enjoying working with the team. Rumour has it, Jack was in charge of Christmas lunch in the Milsom household this year! We couldn't resist adding this picture of Paul who also worked in the Talbooth kitchen when he was 18.

LONG SERVICE DINNER

As many will know, each year Milsom Hotels holds a dinner to celebrate the long service of the staff. Originally started some 16 years ago, the 'Gerald Milsom Dinner' was named in memory of Paul's late father; long service was something that Gerald was passionate about, in fact he could never understand why anyone would ever want to leave!

Any staff member who has been with the company for over five years is invited to what has become a very special event in the Milsom Hotels calendar. This year saw a bumper crop of attendees with 108 members of staff at the dinner. No prizes for quessing the date or the theme of the evening!



Team Pier celebrating five years

JOIN OUR TEAM

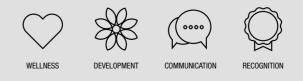
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