

# MH&R NEWSLETTER

WINTER / SPRING 2024



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HOTELS & RESTAURANTS



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Dish: GARAM MASALA SCENTED ROASTED  
WOOD PIGEON, CRISPY LEG, SALSIFY,  
POACHED BLACKBERRIES & RED WINE JUS  
Created by: JAMIE JACKSON MCGIB  
A dish at: TALBOOTH RESTAURANT  
Featured in the 2023 Gourmet Dinner



# FOREWORD

**M**y introduction to our annual Newsletter allows me to reflect on the last twelve months and look forward to the next. 2023 has been a very challenging year for the country as a whole and there is no need for me to reprise the issues. I want to be upbeat! However, we have done more than “just survive” and have continued to invest in the two key pillars of our business: our properties and our people and have been very well supported by you our customers – thank you.

The decision to put an all-electric kitchen and new supply into Milsoms Dedham was brave, as it coincided with the spike in contract electricity prices! However strategically it was the right call not only from an environmental perspective, but it has also improved working conditions for the team and the new equipment has enabled menu innovation. In Dedham, we have also completely refurbished our two top suites, Shakespeare and Keats. Kesgrave Hall turned 15 years old, and to mark this, Geraldine has given the restaurant and ground floor a completely new look. And with the addition of four beautiful rooms in the Gatehouse, we now have a total of 27 bedrooms. The big new screen and sound system in the Hanger is unbelievable – we felt every tackle at the Rugby World Cup final!

Our plans for next year include a new lawn at the Talbooth. The marquee area will have a new customer-facing outside cooking station enabling us to offer a wider and more informal menu choice at events. We also have a rolling programme of bedroom refurbishment at The Pier. Customer expectations increase each year, and we need to invest to keep pace.

The key senior appointments made in the spring have enabled us to enhance our food offer and create a number of innovative events to give you additional reasons to visit us – full details inside. We continue to invest in our teams everywhere and are rewarded by their commitment and long service, which we celebrate every year. This year we had 115 team members who had been with the company five years or longer, which is significantly above industry norms and enables us to deliver high consistent standards.

The essence of a hospitality business is bringing people together, family, friends, colleagues and customers to connect, celebrate, converse and at times commiserate. In an increasingly technology-driven world (working from home and AI) personal contact remains vital and we continue to have an important role to play. It is an aspect of our business that I relish.

I hope that you enjoy reading our Newsletter and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Happy New Year!



**Paul Milsom**  
Managing Director







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# 3 DAY WALKING HOLIDAY IN ESSEX & SUFFOLK

3 stunning hotels  
3 award winning restaurants  
2 waterside hikes



**3 NIGHT PACKAGE** FROM £550PP  
1ST APRIL - 30TH OCTOBER 2024

**2 NIGHT PACKAGE** FROM £365PP  
UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2024

**WALK  
THE  
MILSOM  
WAY**

**1ST NIGHT  
MILSOMS  
IN DEDHAM**

Overnight stay  
with breakfast &  
3 course dinner

**1ST HIKE  
CONSTABLE COUNTRY  
& RIVER STOUR**

15 mile hike  
from Dedham  
to Ramsey

**1ST NIGHT  
MILSOMS  
IN DEDHAM**

Overnight stay  
with breakfast &  
3 course dinner

**2ND DAY  
SUFFOLK COAST  
& RIVER DEBEN**

Ferry from Harwich  
to Felixstowe, 12 mile  
hike to Waldringfield

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THE PIER  
AT HARWICH**

Overnight stay  
with breakfast &  
3 course dinner

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KESGRAVE HALL**

Overnight stay  
with breakfast &  
3 course dinner

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THE PIER  
AT HARWICH**

Overnight stay  
with breakfast &  
3 course dinner

**3RD DAY  
CHOOSE YOUR  
ROUTE BACK**

Transfer back to  
Dedham or take the  
train to Manningtree

Start any day of the week. We will transfer luggage between hotels and collect you from your finishing point.  
Add £100 supplement per person to stay at Talbooth House & Spa instead of Milsoms in Dedham.

**CALL 01206 322795**  
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# START 2024 WITH A STAY

Packages that encourage fun, indulgence and relaxation. Start as you mean to go on, right?



FROM  
**£220**  
PER PERSON

## WINTER WARMER at TALBOOTH HOUSE & SPA

Start the new year with this unbeatable offer that includes dinner at our 3-Rosette Talbooth Restaurant

### Includes:

- £75 restaurant allowance per person at Talbooth Restaurant
- A Glass of Moët & Chandon.
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

**From £220 per person**

Available throughout January.



FROM  
**£250**  
PER PERSON

## SPRING INTO SUMMER at TALBOOTH HOUSE & SPA

As spring blooms into summer, be amongst the changing seasons, situated in the beautiful Dedham Vale countryside

### Includes:

- £75 restaurant allowance per person at Talbooth Restaurant
- A Glass of Moët & Chandon.
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

**From £250 per person**

Available during March, April & May.

### CALL TO BOOK Talbooth House & Spa 01206 322 367

All promotional rates are Sunday - Friday, subject to availability and based on two sharing. Saturdays available at this rate when booking a two-night stay. Excludes bank holidays and Valentine's Day. Sunday includes lunch at Talbooth Restaurant or dinner at milsoms. These offers cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers and the Milsom Card.



FROM  
**£135**  
PER PERSON

## WINTER WARMER January & February

Always our best rate of the year, and an excellent time to visit after the dizzying rush of December.

### Includes:

- £40 restaurant allowance per person
- A welcome cocktail
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

**From £135 per person**

Available throughout January and February. Subject to availability and based on two sharing.



FROM  
**£155**  
PER PERSON

## SPRING INTO SUMMER March, April & May

Promise of longer days as the seasons change from Spring to Summer.

### Includes:

- £40 restaurant allowance per person
- A glass of prosecco on arrival
- Overnight accommodation with full breakfast

**From £155 per person**

Available throughout March, April & May, subject to availability and based on two sharing.

THE PIER

milsoms  
KESGRAVE  
HALL

milsoms

**CALL TO BOOK** milsoms 01206 322 795 / milsoms Kesgrave Hall 01473 333 741 / The Pier 01255 241 212

These offers cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers and the Milsom Card. Saturdays available at this rate when booking a two-night stay. Excludes bank holidays

## ACROSS THE GROUP



### NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Talbooth House, milsoms & milsoms Kesgrave Hall all installed new dedicated electric vehicle charging points in 2023, increasing the capacity for those looking to recharge during their visit. Customers at The Pier are also able to recharge with a public charging station directly opposite on the Quay.

**Thanks to our partnership with Inchcape Colchester BMW, our concierge car is now also electric.**

## FUNDRAISING ACROSS THE GROUP



### MILSOM BROTHERS TAKE ON THE LONDON MARATHON FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Charlie and Jack Milsom will be taking part in the 2024 London Marathon raising money for Alzheimer's Society.

This will be Jack's second marathon in two years, as in 2023, Jack ran alongside colleagues Melissa Stannard, Kieran Harvey & Sue Tasker. Together they raised a combined total of over £18,750 for Teenage Cancer Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Macmillan Cancer



Support and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Jack set the bar high with an impressive finish time of 03:19 in his 2023 London Marathon.

Good luck to Jack and Charlie for London 2024.

**Scan the QR code to read their fundraising story and help keep up the excellent fundraising this year.**



### £4,550 RAISED FOR THE PRINCE'S TRUST AT THE BRILLIANT BREAKFAST

We are absolutely delighted to have improved on our fundraising total from 2022, with a total of £4,550 at our second annual The Brilliant Breakfast!

Gaby Huddart, Editor-in-Chief of Good Housekeeping UK and Larissa Gibb, Philanthropy Manager at The Prince's Trust shared life-changing stories of women who've accessed programmes to gain qualifications, boost entrepreneurship & confidence as just some examples of how they support women to live, learn and earn.

With 100 guests in attendance and some amazing raffle prizes donated by local businesses, there was a real sense of pulling together to help raise as much as possible. Thanks to the amazing sponsors who supported the fundraising efforts.



**READ MORE EXCELLENT FUNDRAISING STORIES IN OUR MILSOM PEOPLE SECTION p.26**



# TALBOOTH RESTAURANT

## HAVE YOU TRIED THE GOURMET MENU?

*"It truly is a thing of elegance and extravagance without being ostentatious and for those that want that special treat before Christmas, this is it."*

Clarissa Place, Newsquest

Each year, our chefs prepare an unforgettable five-course dining experience to be enjoyed in the lead up to Christmas. The Gourmet Dinner is designed to be enjoyed with an optional wine flight perfectly paired to each dish, and can be elevated further with a stay at Talbooth House & Spa- a Gourmet Getaway.

**Look out for details to book for December 2024.**



BMW (Inchcape Colchester), Ferrari (Proveda), Lamborghini & Alvis (Julie & John Alston), Aston Martin, Porsche, Porsche (Porsche Colchester)

## MILSOM CLASSIC & SUPER CAR RALLY

In collaboration with Zoë Whittaker, the Milsom Car Rally will be back in 2024. This is an opportunity to join Classic and Super Cars on a rally through Suffolk & Essex arriving at milsoms Kesgrave Hall for refreshments, followed by a barbecue in the marquee at Talbooth Restaurant. £100 entry fee per car, plus £115 per person (max. 2 per car).

**To find out more and book, email [bridget@milsomhotels.com](mailto:bridget@milsomhotels.com)**



## MASTER INNHOLDERS VISIT TO CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER

Melissa Stannard, Assistant Restaurant Manager, headed out to the glorious Champagne region for an incredible learning experience, hosted by Champagne Taittinger and the Master Innholders.

This 2-day immersive trip involved a visit to the original Taittinger Château, with tours and demonstrations of the vineyard, factory and surroundings, accompanied by Quentin the winemaker himself. The group were able to see the process from the vineyard, all the way through to bottling – accompanied by amazing dining, prepared on-site with a private chef.

Melissa was selected from applicants across the country, handpicking as someone who would truly benefit professionally from this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

## 2 FOR 1 AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT

**Milsom Card** members enjoy 2 for 1 at Talbooth Restaurant in January, February & March for you (the cardholder) and up to nine guests.

Order three-courses from the a la carte or set lunch menu on Mondays & Tuesdays, and you will get the second dishes of equivalent value or less FREE. Excludes bank holidays.



**NEW IN 2024 EXTEND YOUR 2-FOR-1 LUNCH OR DINNER WITH 50% OFF ROOMS IN DEDHAM**

Subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. Valid for cardholders only.



**/ 2-4-1 at Talbooth Restaurant in January - March\***

**/ 15% off dining at Talbooth Restaurant**

MILSOM HOTELS & RESTAURANTS  
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# TALBOOTH HOUSE & SPA



## BEST PLACES TO STAY 2023

*"More like a private home than a hotel, the 12-bedroom Talbooth House suits those who want a proper country escape without having to go to the farthest sticks. It's deep in Dedham Vale — think sherbet-coloured cottages and strolls along the River Stour..."*

*Lucy Perrin, The Times*

Following an excellent review in The Times, it is an incredible accolade to be featured in the 2023 list of Best Places to Stay in the UK.



## SUITE ESCAPES, REDESIGNED BY GERALDINE MILSOM

Geraldine Milsom strikes again with a newly renovated and rejuvenated look for the two Principal Suites, Shakespeare & Keats. Each room at Talbooth House is curated by Geraldine and expresses a perfectly unique blend of character, luxury and excitement.

Shakespeare's new look takes on a Georgian theme, inspired by wallpaper of scaled up pages from Jane Austen's novel, *Pride & Prejudice*. The look was completed with a stunning Georgian Doll's House that doubles as a chest and cabinet.

Keat's bathroom certainly has an impact! The moment you step inside, you are immediately enveloped in the warm and invigorating feeling of Pink marble, and the luxury feel flows throughout the Suite.

## PRIDE OF BRITAIN HOTELS REBRAND TO POB HOTELS

It is a pleasure to see the modernising rebrand from Pride of Britain Hotels to PoB Hotels. Take a look at their new website to discover a collection of the very best independent hotels across the British Isles.

Talbooth House is the founding member of PoB Hotels, set up by Paul's late father, Gerald Milsom OBE. Paul Milsom was given the role as Life President of PoB Hotels in 2022 in recognition of his unique contribution to the consortium over the years.





Dish: MILK CHOCOLATE, PRALINE AND  
PLUM DELICE

Created by: FLORIAN RUEL

A dessert at: TALBOOTH RESTAURANT



# TALBOOTH HOUSE & SPA



## HALF DAY SPA



## FULL DAY SPA



## GIN & TONIC SPA DAY



## SPA PLUS ONE SPA DAY

### SPECIAL OFFERS AND SPA GIFTING

Treat someone to the gift of relaxing at the Spa with pre-packaged gift vouchers.

For a gift that treats you and your loved one, take a look at our Spa Plus One Spa day, which treats someone to a Spa Day, where you can come along to use the spa facilities, enjoy lunch and spend time together.

Or for a Spa Day, followed by a visit to the bar - try our new Gin & Tonic Spa Day. Full details on our website.



GIFTING





## TAILORED SPA DAY



## SPA SUNDAY

### SPA DAYS AND STAYS TO ENJOY AT TALBOOTH SPA AND SPA KESGRAVE HALL

We've aligned more spa days and spa stays to create spa experiences you can enjoy at either Talbooth Spa or Spa Kesgrave Hall. If you loved your experience and package at Spa Kesgrave Hall, why not try Talbooth Spa - or vice versa. Wherever you decide for your next visit, you'll be sure to enjoy experiences packaged to make the most of your time with us.

*Spa facilities vary slightly between both spas.*



**SPECIAL  
OFFERS**



**Dish:** GRILLED SARDINES ON SOURDOUGH,  
TOMATO, HERB & SRIRACHA BUTTER, RED  
ONION & PARSLEY SALAD

**Created by:** ANDREW THURSTON

**A dish at:** THE PIER





# THE PIER



Plenty to look forward to at The Pier in 2024.

Bridget Stanley

## SUMMER SEAFOOD GOURMET MENU

Following popularity of the annual Christmas Gourmet Menu at Talbooth Restaurant, we're planning a gourmet dining experience at The Pier that follows a similar format.

This will be a special seafood menu that celebrates food landed in the harbour opposite, paired with delicious wines for each course.

**Sign up to receive our latest news and offers and be the first to hear when details are released.**



## NEW EN-SUITE BATHROOMS

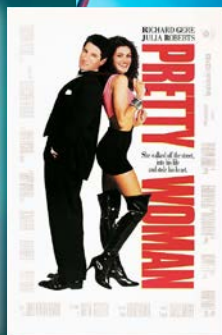
The en-suite bathrooms at The Pier are being given a refreshed, stylish new look. In fact, work is already underway, with several of the bathrooms already complete.



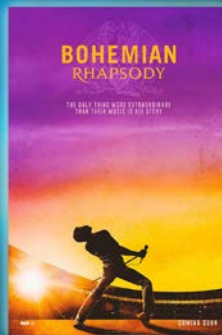
4th January



1st February (15)



7th March



November Movie Night

## MOVIE NIGHTS, COLLABORATING WITH THE ELECTRIC PALACE CINEMA

Following the restoration of the stunning Electric Palace Cinema in Harwich supported by the Lottery Heritage Fund, we were really keen to support them after the pandemic, so last year The Pier and the Electric Palace Cinema collaborated to create film and food Movie Nights!

These nights have been amazingly popular and developed a real following – so far we have shown both Mamma Mia films, Love Actually, and Dirty Dancing. Each evening consists of a screening of the film, followed by a three-course dinner at The Pier (with a new menu for each event), and a welcome cocktail included in the ticket price.

**Tickets are £49.50 per person. Call to book on 01255 241 212**

# milsoms KESGRAVE HALL

Last year we marked 15 years since opening, with many exciting developments! The entire ground floor was refreshed with a new look and feel. We launched The Gatehouse and The Hangar now boasts an impressive super-sized screen and sound system to elevate events.



## A NEW LOOK FOR MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

After 15 years since the opening of milsoms Kesgrave Hall, Geraldine Milsom was keen to work her magic to give the restaurant interiors a refresh. So, at the start of the year we closed the entire restaurant for the month of January to update the lounge, the mess (our large private dining room), the bar, restaurant and kitchen. And at the end of the month, we reopened with a complete face-lift, including a stunning new illuminated bar.

**Did you make it to Alpine 121?** During the restaurant closure, we installed an unforgettable ski-themed pop-up restaurant in the Hangar, with steins of authentic German lager, Glühwein and classic Alpine dishes to transport you to the slopes - with party nights on the weekend. Read on to see our next Alpine opportunity.

## ALPINE 121 MEETS IBIZA PARTY NIGHTS WITH NEW SKI-THEMED ISCHGL PARTY NIGHTS

Everyone knows the best part of a skiing or snowboarding holiday is the après-ski parties. After the success of our pop-up restaurant, Alpine 121, we are excited to introduce ...Ischgl Party Nights.

Chink steins of beer or enjoy a ski-themed cocktail on arrival, before making your way into The Hangar, which will be decked out with faux-fur lined sofas and retro ski memorabilia. We will be serving up all the comforting classics at our Alpine street-food stations, featuring bratwurst or chilli beef frankfurters. No ski-party is complete without an ice-cool DJ set, and Fox & Braces will keep you dancing!

Saturday 27th January, Friday 23rd February & Friday 22nd March

**Tickets are £45 per person. Call to book on 01473 333 741**





17th February

**GREASE**

30th March

**Wonka**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

**theriverside**



## FOOD, FILM & FEAST

Following the installation of our new super-sized screen in The Hangar and in conjunction with The Riverside cinema, we are bringing to you a series of film screenings accompanied by live entertainment, themed dining that perfectly compliments the film and a DJ to complete the evening. First up: Grease

**Tickets are £45 per person**

**Call to book on 01473 333741**



# THE HANGAR

MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

Immersive events with NEW concert-quality sound and audio.  
Perfect for parties, award ceremonies, charity events, product launches and more.



## NEW SUPER-SIZED SCREEN AND SOUND SYSTEM | IT HAS TO BE SEEN, HEARD AND FELT

The Hangar now has a dedicated AV and technical team that can take care of every AV aspect of your event. Various packages are available that include the use of the new concert quality sound system together with a 5m x 3m LED screen, enhanced light show and laser package. Used for corporate events, launches, awards ceremonies, charity events and parties it has to be seen, heard, and felt to be appreciated.

Interested in seeing a demo? Speak to our events team [events@kesgravehall.com](mailto:events@kesgravehall.com)

Dish: "FISH PIE" FILLET OF COD, SAFFRON  
MASH, BUTTERED SPINACH, SHRIMPS,  
PRAWNS, MUSSELS & PEAS  
Created by: STUART OLIVER  
A dish at: MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL





# WELCOME TO THE GATEHOUSE

Our latest accommodation offering at Milsoms Kesgrave Hall, launched late 2023, built by our partners Hills Building Group. The Gatehouse is our exclusive luxury house with state-of-the-art furnishings and amenities, sleeping up to eight guests.

The Gatehouse is comprised of our best suite within the entire group, plus three deluxe bedrooms and all the facilities for self-catering. Designed to increase the total number of hotel rooms we are able to offer guests, or to be hired as a single unit for an exclusive stay. Guests are ideally situated in beautiful Suffolk surroundings with ample parking, the luxuries of the spa and our bustling brasserie restaurant.

Sign up for latest news and offers [www.milsomhotels.com](http://www.milsomhotels.com)



## SPA & GOLF STAY

Teams of four are arguably the optimum size for a game of Golf, and with Suffolk being home to some amazing courses, our four-bedroomed Gatehouse is the perfect place for a golfing trip.

Enjoy a two-night exclusive stay in The Gatehouse, including optional breakfast in the restaurant, a welcome hamper to make the most of your stay, private self-catering facilities and the choice of a Half Spa Day at Spa Kesgrave Hall or Golf Pass for Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club or Ipswich Purdis Heath for each guest.

This stay is from £300 per person, based on eight sharing. Ideal for four couples.

**Call to book on 01473 333 741. Subject to availability. This rate is valid until April 2024.**



Dish: THYME ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST,  
CARROT PURÉE, CAVOLO NERO, CARROT &  
CUMIN SAMOSA & CHICKEN JUS

Created by: FRASER ROWE

A dish at: MILSOMS





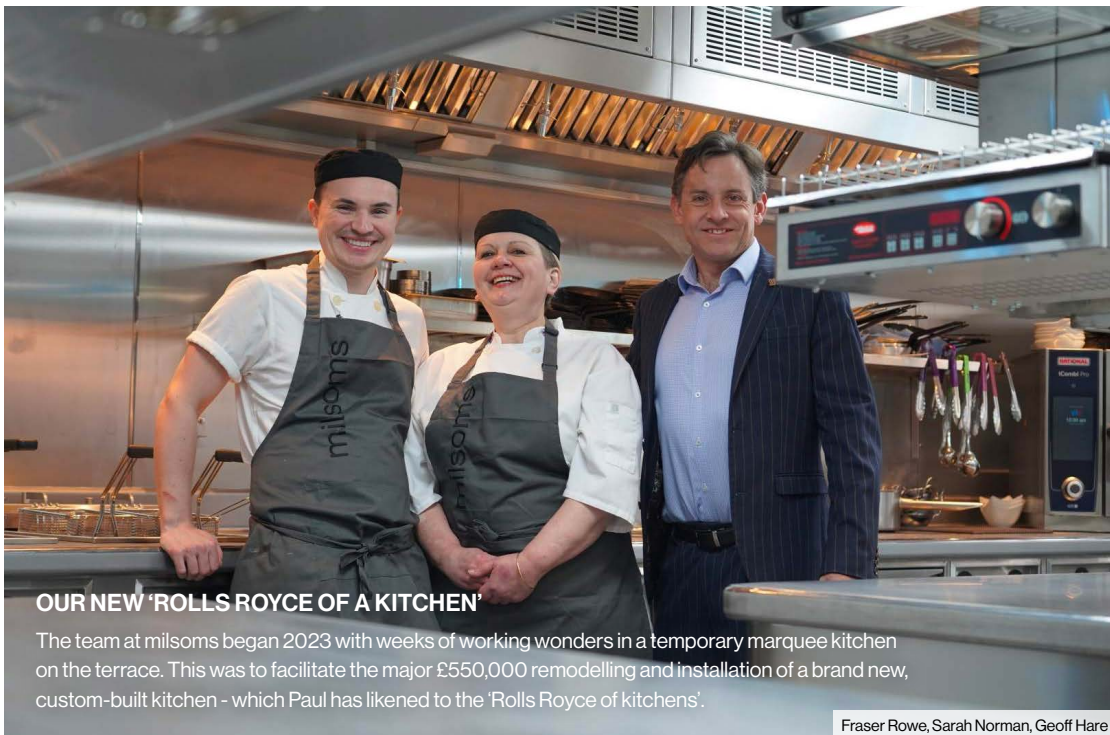
# milsoms DEDHAM



## BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Start your day with our Brilliant Buffet Breakfast which takes over the bar at milsoms every morning and includes continental, full English breakfast, and all juices, coffees and teas.

If you're not already staying with us, join us with friends, family or business associates everyday from 7.30am - 10.30am.



## OUR NEW 'ROLLS ROYCE OF A KITCHEN'

The team at milsoms began 2023 with weeks of working wonders in a temporary marquee kitchen on the terrace. This was to facilitate the major £550,000 remodelling and installation of a brand new, custom-built kitchen - which Paul has likened to the 'Rolls Royce of kitchens'.

Fraser Rowe, Sarah Norman, Geoff Hare

## THE PLACE FOR A PARTY

Milestone birthdays, wedding rehearsal dinners, a murder mystery, company conference or Christmas party... **mr g's can do it all!**

Create an unforgettable lunch, dinner or business event by taking over this luxury private dining space, with it's own terrace and facilities, including a private chef.

Enquire on 01206 322 795



## MAKING THE MOST OF THE BEAUTIFUL DEDHAM VALE

Visit our experience hub for inspiration on how to embed yourself into the heart of the beautiful Dedham Vale on your next visit to milsoms, including boutique shopping on Dedham high street, paddlecraft activities on the River Stour (we can help you hire), excellent walks, seeing the work of Munnings, Constable and Gainsborough, three local and famous artists and more. **Visit [milsomhotels.com/experiences](https://milsomhotels.com/experiences)**



# IDLE WATERS



## WINTER ESCAPE TO IDLE WATERS

Idle Waters is the perfect base for discovering this delightful part of East Anglia on the Essex/Suffolk border – worth noting, the river is the actual county boundary!

**Stay 3 nights midweek for or 2 nights at the weekend for £450, for up to 4 guests.**



## SUNDAY LUNCH & STAY

Join us at Talbooth Restaurant for Sunday Lunch, combined with a stay at Idle Waters (check-in 4pm), plus a welcome cheese board and a bottle of red wine.  
**£300 for two guests, or £490 for four guests.**

**TO BOOK, CALL 01206 322 795**

\*rates valid until April 2024.



# MILSOM BUSINESS

## NETWORKING AT THE BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Local businesses flocked to the marquee at Talbooth Restaurant for excellent networking at our fifth Milsom Business Showcase.

Huge thanks to our incredible guest speakers **Mark Ashton, CEO of Ipswich Town FC** and **Scott Russell, Owner & Founder of Paddy & Scott's**, inspiring us with talks about the immense power of persistence, dreaming big, shared values and community.

Guests enjoyed delicious refreshments from Fishers Gin, Alston Vineyard, Mr.Wheeler Wine and Milsom Catering.

The Business Showcase is always made great by our excellent exhibitors: We look forward to next year!



### ATTEND OR EXHIBIT AT OUR NEXT SHOWCASE ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024

£40 per person, including refreshments from Milsom Catering. Exhibitor Rate is £400 inclusive of ten guest places. For further details please get in touch with [suetasker@milsomhotels.com](mailto:suetasker@milsomhotels.com)



### GREAT LOCATIONS TO MEET, THINK & DO IN ESSEX & SUFFOLK

Meeting at a great location, corporate conferences, work parties and staff rewards are just some of the ways to make work more enjoyable and more effective. **Scan the QR code to find out more.**

### MORE MILSOM BUSINESS

Appetite for a new networking event was certainly felt following the success of our Brilliant Breakfast, Business Showcase and the corporate unveiling of our new super-sized screen in the Hangar at Kesgrave Hall in 2023. Join us in early 2024...



## SPRING NETWORKING

IN THE HANGAR, MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL  
18TH APRIL 2024\*

Introducing our new Milsom Business networking event for 2024 in Suffolk.

An excellent opportunity to see the Hangar in action, get inspiration for product launches or corporate events, and for some excellent informal networking with individuals from leading businesses in Suffolk.

Expect an impressive audio-visual demonstration including shuddering sound, lasers and high-definition visuals. Of course, there will be excellent hospitality.

**Tickets £10 per person**

**To attend, please email [events@kesgravehall.com](mailto:events@kesgravehall.com)**

\*subject to change, check our website for up-to-date information about this event.

# PLAN A PARTY WITH MILSOM CATERING

Leave your guests remarking on delicious food and excellent service at your own venue, or ours. Milsom Catering really are the key ingredient to a great event.



## THE ANNUAL OYSTER FEAST AT 'COLCHESTER CITY TENT' | 200 PEOPLE

For many years, Milsom Catering have had the pleasure of catering for the Oyster Feast, although this year there was a twist as for the first time ever we hosted this event in our marquee at Talbooth Restaurant due to maintenance at the Colchester Moot Hall. Honorable and distinguished guests including the Mayor of Colchester, enjoyed a drinks reception at Talbooth Restaurant, followed by a celebration of the 'Colchester Native' oysters in the marquee. We look forward to hosting again in 2024.

MILSOM  
PEOPLE.

Join our team, email your CV to [hq@milsomhotels.com](mailto:hq@milsomhotels.com)

PEOPLE WE ARE PROUD OF



## A GREEK WEDDING | 160 PEOPLE

An immersive Greek-themed summer evening, with a stunning Greek menu to transport you to the Mediterranean, accompanied by live-performances of ABBA songs and a DJ.

Speak to us about event styling and theming.



## GRAND NAVE DINNER

222 PEOPLE

We were delighted to be the caterer of the inaugural Grand Nave Dinner at the prestigious St Edmundsbury Cathedral, raising money to support the cathedral and its lesser-known social outreach and community projects for young people and survivors of domestic abuse.

This fun evening, sponsored by Ellisons Solicitors, was hosted by Dean Joe Hawes and comprised of a drinks reception, a three-course dinner, a charity auction and live entertainment from the cathedral choir.

They were extremely pleased to raise an incredible £50,000, which was five times their initial target. Congratulations.



Lucy J Toms Photography





## GIFT VOUCHERS

### A GIFT OF EAT, DRINK, STAY, SPA AND MORE

Perfect for any occasion, redeem at any of our properties  
 Use towards dining, stays, treatments, cocktails, events and more

Purchase at our properties or online  
 Choose digital or postal delivery

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RESTAURANT

 TALBOOTH  
HOUSE & SPA

THE PIER

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AARON & JAMES

Victoria Crocker Photography

## WEDDING WITH A WOW-FACTOR AT MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL

The entire process of planning Aaron & James' wedding, through to delivery was an absolute delight. A beautiful outdoor ceremony followed by an immense and unforgettable party, making the most of the beautiful grounds at Kesgrave Hall and the party space in The Hangar. It's no wonder this wedding has been nominated for an award.

**Scan the QR code to see the wedding video**

## UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Explore our venues · Meet the team · Discover suppliers · **SAVE THE DATES**



7TH JANUARY

TALBOOTH  
HOUSE & SPA



24TH MARCH

KESGRAVE  
HALL



28TH APRIL

TALBOOTH  
RESTAURANT,  
HOUSE & SPA

## EXPLORE OUR VENUES AT OUR OPEN DAYS

Our Open Days are always free to attend. Our Milsom Weddings and events team will be on hand to show you around and answer any questions. Meet exhibiting suppliers to get some inspiration and help with decision-making for your wedding or event. Can't make any of these dates or prefer a private show around? Contact our team to book a viewing.

CHAT TO OUR WEDDING TEAM ABOUT YOUR PERFECT DAY

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## STYLING THE SPACE... TO YOUR TASTE

New for 2024 is the launch of our Styling Service, in collaboration with VC Event Curation. The ideal solution for couples looking to add their own personal stamp, the Styling Service offers the inspiration, creativity and tools to transform any of our Milsom properties into a space which feels uniquely yours.

**Book your bespoke styling consultation with Milsom Weddings, in partnership with VC Event Curation.**



EVENT CURATION



Matt Trott Photography

## A PERFECT RIVERSIDE WEDDING AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT

As part of the Milsom family, Emma & Ben's special day was a stand-out date in our 2023 wedding calendar this season.

Their celebration lasted several days with Emma & Ben's family and guests occupying rooms at milsoms, Talbooth House & Idle Waters to enjoy dining and spa visits. Following the wedding ceremony at Dedham Church, the marquee was styled beautifully in white and sage with a bespoke delicious menu including cumin seared scallops & thyme roasted guineafowl breast.

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*love the Milsom Weddings team*

# MILSOM PEOPLE

Excellent service and dining relies on our excellent teams and colleagues, so here's a few excellent Milsom People stories to celebrate from 2023

## OUR NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

It is always a delight to promote anyone in our organisation, but especially so when it facilitates a new management structure to take us into the future.

**Ian Rhodes** moves from General Manager of Talbooth Restaurant and Milsom Catering to General Manager of Milsom Hotels & Restaurants. He retained his position, but his portfolio increased to overseeing, assisting and advising the senior managers at milsoms, The Pier and Talbooth House & Spa.

**Andrew Hirst** moves from Executive Head Chef of Talbooth Restaurant and Milsom Catering to Executive Head Chef of Milsom Hotels & Restaurants. Like Ian, Andy's portfolio has increased to assisting the Executive and Head Chefs at milsoms and The Pier.

**Jess Counsell** moves from Milsom Catering Event Manager to Deputy General Manager of Talbooth Restaurant and Milsom Catering. This means that her responsibilities now encompass Talbooth Restaurant.

We are really pleased Ian, Andy and Jess accepted and stepped into their new roles back in the Spring.



Jess Counsell, Andrew Hirst, Ian Rhodes



## COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

Stevie Robson has nurtured excellent relationships with colleges in Colchester & Ipswich to provide young students with opportunities to experience behind the scenes and work with chefs and catering staff from across the MH&R group.

In February, we collaborated with students at Colchester Institute to prepare a four-course dinner for paying customers at their on-campus Balcerne restaurant. With the guidance of Andrew Hirst, Andrew Thurston, Fraser Rower and Florian Ruel, each course was a dish from one of the Milsom properties, followed by petit fours and coffee.

Since then, we have hosted students to see behind the scenes and experience Milsom hospitality first-hand. As a result of these partnerships, we have welcomed talented new team members into our kitchens, across the group and are now recognised as a Suffolk New College Industry Partner.



## GEOFF JOHNSON PROVIDES TRAINING FOR MAN v FAT 'FINE' DINING INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AT CHRISTMAS

MAN v FAT are a UK-wide football programme, supporting men's health, and Geoff Johnson Head Chef at milsoms Kesgrave Hall volunteered his time to provide cookery training to players and coaches who will be cooking food for those experiencing homelessness at Christmas.

Geoff Johnson is an advocate of the football programme, and has been regarded as a MAN v FAT legend by Richard Crick, the Head of MAN v FAT.



Richard Crick



## ESTEEMED ST JULIAN SCHOLARSHIP



Stevie Robson has earned an esteemed scholarship with the Master Innholders to study their Talent Development Programme and become a St Julian Scholar.

This is an excellent opportunity, specifically for those within the industry who need to develop skills and get to the next level in hotel management.

Learning begins early 2024. Good luck Stevie, we wish you all the best!



## PASS WITH DISTINCTION

Lauren Hansford completed her Hospitality Supervisor apprenticeship with distinction and was promoted to Events Supervisor. Congratulations!

**MOLLIE & ANDREW** met at Talbooth Restaurant while Andy was working in the kitchen and Mollie was working in our events team.

In October, they both tied the knot in the marquee at Talbooth Restaurant.

Andrew Thurston is now Head Chef at The Pier in Harwich.



## MASTER INNOLDERS ASPIRING LEADERS

Deputy General Manager Jess Counsell earned a place on this year's cohort of the Aspiring Leaders Diploma with The Master Innholders.

This sought-after opportunity is given to hotel managers who stand out in the hospitality industry, to develop their skills, expand their network and further their career prospects, learning from esteemed hoteliers across the country. Jess has already connected with and visited several leading UK hotels.



## TAYLOR ROBERTS WINS TENDRING YOUTH AWARD FOR FUNDRAISING

We wanted to highlight the incredible personal fundraising efforts and achievements of a member of our team at The Pier this year.

Taylor Roberts hosted a memorial event in Dovercourt in memory of his late mother, raising an impressive total in excess of £1,500 for Cancer Research UK.

Taylor's fundraising efforts were recognised at the 2023 Tendring Youth Awards as he was awarded winner of the Volunteer category.



Scott Suley with his sisters

## BOXING FOR CANCER

Scott Suley, Chef at The Pier took part in a charity boxing match in December to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, a cause close to his family.



## BE PART OF THE TEAM

Opportunities in our hotels, restaurants, spas and catering team, including immediate and flexible opportunities in peak periods.

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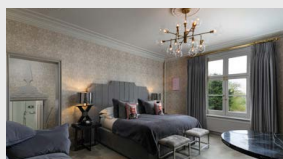
# EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

## BOOK YOUR PERFECT PRIVATE STAYCATION



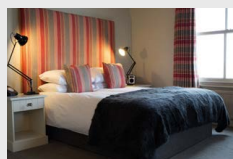
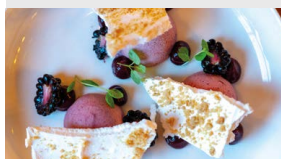
### TALBOOTH HOUSE & SPA EXCLUSIVE HIRE

Talbooth House & Spa is a fabulous Essex property available to hire exclusively for one or two nights with family, friends or colleagues. Enjoy private use of the 12-bedroom hotel and gardens, with the option to add exclusive use of the spa and pool area.



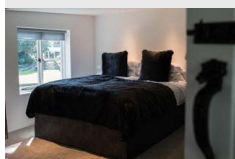
### THE PIER HOUSE PARTIES

Head to the Essex coast and enjoy exclusive use of The Pier's standalone building, The Angel, complete with seven bedrooms and large sitting room. This Harwich sea-front property is ideal for an all-inclusive house party for up to 14 guests.



### IDLE WATERS

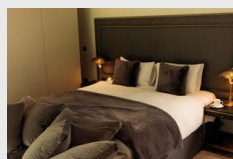
Relax beside the River Stour in Dedham, Essex, in this self-catered luxury cottage designed for up to four people. With a spa and restaurants on your doorstep, Idle Waters offers the perfect location to escape the busy world and recharge your batteries.



### THE GATEHOUSE

Unwind in the Suffolk countryside with exclusive use of this luxury house in the grounds of milsoms Kesgrave Hall

Sleeping up to 8 guests, The Gatehouse is the perfect spot for a golf break, spa retreat or wedding party.





# WINTER & SPRING WHAT'S ON

There's plenty coming up to look forward to. Here are some confirmed dates, but be sure to keep checking our website for new events released throughout the year.

	<p>4th January</p> <p><b>Grease - Movie Night</b></p> <p>Join us the Electric Palace for a themed movie night, with 3 course dinner and welcome drink</p>	£49.5	<p>THE PIER</p> <p>Call 01255 241 212</p>
	<p>27th January</p> <p><b>ISCHGL Party Night</b></p> <p>The best apres-ski party, with alpine street food and a welcome cocktail</p>	£45	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>1st February</p> <p><b>Pretty Woman - Movie Night</b></p> <p>Join us the Electric Palace for a themed movie night, with 3 course dinner and welcome drink</p>	£49.5	<p>THE PIER</p> <p>Call 01255 241 212</p>
	<p>14th February</p> <p><b>Valentine's Dinner</b></p> <p>Glass of champagne, four courses, coffee, red rose &amp; chocolates</p>	£120	<p>THE RESTAURANT</p> <p>Call 01206 323 150</p>
	<p>17th February</p> <p><b>Grease - Food, Film, Feast</b></p> <p>Sing-along screening of the film, welcome drink, themed set menu and dancing to live music</p>	£45	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>23rd February</p> <p><b>ISCHGL Party Night</b></p> <p>The best apres-ski party, with alpine street food and a welcome cocktail</p>	£45	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>7th March</p> <p><b>Bohemian Rhapsody - Movie Night</b></p> <p>Join us the Electric Palace for a themed movie night, with 3 course dinner and welcome drink</p>	£49.5	<p>THE PIER</p> <p>Call 01255 241 212</p>
	<p>10th March</p> <p><b>Mother's Day Afternoon Tea</b></p> <p>Glass of fizz, full afternoon tea and entertainment from the Three Chordettes</p>	£45	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>22nd March</p> <p><b>ISCHGL Party Night</b></p> <p>The best apres-ski party, with alpine street food and a welcome cocktail</p>	£45	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>30th March</p> <p><b>Wonka - Film, Food, Feast</b></p> <p>Screening of Wonka, with a themed afternoon-tea and welcome drink</p>	£35	<p>THE HANGAR</p> <p>Call 01473 333 741</p>
	<p>31st March</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday at Talbooth Restaurant</b></p> <p>A special Easter menu for Sunday lunch</p>	£60	<p>THE RESTAURANT</p> <p>Call 01206 323 150</p>
	<p>13th April</p> <p><b>Grand National Lunch</b> <b>FULLY BOOKED</b></p> <p>Prosecco reception, four course lunch with coffee, televised racing, Casper Clarke (singer) and on-site bookmaker.</p>	£105	<p>THE RESTAURANT</p> <p>Call 01206 321 105</p>

# SUMMER MARQUEE DATES

FULLY BOOKED

## GRAND NATIONAL

13th April | £105 per person

FULLY BOOKED

## ROYAL ASCOT LADIES DAY

20th June | £130 per person

## SUMMER BARBECUES IN THE MARQUEE

26th July, 16th August, 25th August

Our barbecues will be back better than ever, including steel band, DJ and samba dancers. Tickets include rum punch, two-course barbecue, coffee & chocolates.

**£85.00 per person**

Call to book on 01206 321105

## FASCINATING RACE DAYS

As always, we are screening race days with on-site bookmakers, live entertainment and excellent dining. **These events have sold out** and are waitlist only, so join our mailing list to receive updates and be the first to hear when dates and events are released.

[www.milsomhotels.com/get-the-latest-news-offers/](http://www.milsomhotels.com/get-the-latest-news-offers/)

## AFTERNOON TEA IN THE MARQUEE

21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Afternoon Tea isn't usually on the menu in Dedham, but we are always delighted to make Afternoon Tea a special occasion with events in the marquee, accompanied by live entertainment to make the most of our beautiful riverside setting.

**£45**

**£80**

## ROSÉ BY THE RIVER

16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

We introduced a new series of Rosé by the River events in 2023, and are delighted to announce dates for 2024, including a three course lunch inspired by famous European wine regions, coffee, boat rides and live music. July takes on an Italian theme and August aligns with the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics, so expect a slightly more Parisian theme.

## GOLF DAY 2024

MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

FROM

**£160**

The 2023 MH&R Golf Day teed off at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club with 19 returning teams, competing for the esteemed Milsom Hotels Golf Day trophy, followed by an excellent dinner and award celebration in the marquee at Talbooth Restaurant.

Last year, our 21st event, was extra special for us as, for the first time in over a decade, the winning team was one of our own: Team Talbooth. Congratulations to Ian Rhodes, Jamie Jackson, George Cook and Geoff Johnson who collectively bagged an impressive point score of 99!

## BOOK FOR SUMMER

Find out more at [milsomhotels.com/event/](http://milsomhotels.com/event/)

Alternatively, email [events@milsomhotels.com](mailto:events@milsomhotels.com) or call to book on **01206 321105**





# THE MILSOM CARD

2 FOR 1 AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS IN  
JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH\*

Plus 50% off rooms in Dedham when you dine on our 2 for 1 offer

- / INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY
- / 2 FOR 1 AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT\* (JAN-MARCH)
- / 15% OFF AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT



## 10% OFF

- / FOOD AT MILSOMS, MILSOMS KESGRAVE HALL & THE PIER
- / ALL HOTEL BOOKINGS
- / INDIVIDUAL SPA TREATMENTS
- / MEETING ROOM & PRIVATE ROOM HIRE
- / FOR UP TO 10 GUESTS

## PLUS

- / UP TO 10 PROMOTIONS A YEAR
- / 15% OFF FOOD AT TALBOOTH RESTAURANT
- / INVITE TO OUR ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

## MEMBERSHIP

SINGLE / £70

JOINT / £110

BUSINESS / £220 (UP TO 10 PEOPLE)

## HOW TO REGISTER

SIGN UP ON YOUR NEXT VISIT  
TO ANY OF OUR PROPERTIES  
OR REGISTER ONLINE AND  
RECEIVE YOUR MILSOMCARD  
WITHIN 7 DAYS

## ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

Thursday 25th April 2024. All Milsom Card holders receive  
an invitation to our annual cocktail party.  
Limited spaces available.



\*Milsom Card members enjoy 2 for 1 at Talbooth Restaurant in January, February & March for you (the cardholder) and up to nine guests. Order three-courses from the a la carte or set lunch menu on Mondays & Tuesdays, and you will get the second dishes of equivalent value or less FREE. Excludes bank holidays.

**NEW IN 2024: EXTEND YOUR 2-FOR-1 LUNCH OR DINNER WITH 50% OFF ROOMS**

50% off rooms subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. Valid for card holders only. Excludes bank holidays.



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