

GEORGE INN NEWS OCT 2020

Hello again.

It seems like a lifetime since my March newsletter. What a strange world we are living in and what fundamental changes have taken place. We hope you are surviving these unsettling times without harm. Having worked most of my life in the hospitality sector, it was very odd to have had such a long, enforced break.

It was a joy to welcome back our first customers on 4th July. One of the first was 80+ year old Mick. With the aid of a voice enhancer, Mick happily reminisced about the day his father challenged him to ride Celtic Cross, a one-time National runner, then stabled



at the George Inn. I pulled out the old photos of Celtic Cross showing the horse at the pub with the locals. Mick recalled jumping on and charging across the fields at the back of the pub in order to convince his dad to buy the horse for him. As Celtic Cross's proud new owner, Mick then aged 10, beat two other children at a jumping competition in Lyminge to win a silver cup.

Locals at the George raise a glass to Celtic Cross

If you have any old photos or stories to tell about past times at the George Inn, do let us know.

In August, we were supported by the government's simple but effective 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme. We are happy to say customers have continued to support us into the autumn. We are fortunate to be able to provide an environment where you can feel safe to relax and enjoy a drink and a meal with family and friends away from crowds and fear of infection.

Now, as we near the end of September, our huge inglenook fireplace is once again home to a roaring fire. This is a necessity in the damp, cold, dark evenings. These seem to come earlier each year. Max, our local tree surgeon, continues to bring us a great assortment of different woods - logs in all shapes and sizes. On my part I am, once again, trying to develop the muscles needed just to be able to carry the logs inside!

See you again soon,

Michael