

THE MEADOW HOUSE *Celebrating 30 years*

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Complete table service with a smile

ON December 5, 1980, Michael and Edith Hearn got the keys to the Meadow House pub on the outskirts of Berwick from Vaux Breweries.

David explains: "In those days it was a bikers' pub, very small, with just beer and spirits on offer, known in the town as the Ponderosa as the

rumour was that Robert Redford worked at the pub before his acting career took off!

"The pub soon started doing food, from a tiny kitchen downstairs in the house, which started with just soup and sandwiches and progressed onto a larger menu, with some of the same dishes still available today!

"In 1984 an extension was built which was the restaurant and kitchen. It hasn't changed much in all these years, and there's no reason to if people like it. It's still decorated like a rural country pub, and always will be.

"The reputation of the Meadow House was built over the last 30 years on providing quality home cooked local produce at a reasonable price, and we continue to do so to this day.

"Most of the produce we use is sourced locally including all our fish, meat, bread and vegetables, and we try and stick to traditional English food with the odd twist chucked in for good measure.

"When the live music scene in Berwick was at its height, we had bands and artists from all over the world including a lot of famous faces like The Dubliners, Chaz and Dave, The Stranglers, Black, Lindisfarne and Glenn Tilbrook from Squeeze to name a handful," says David.

David, the son of Michael and Edith joined the partnership 10 years ago after finishing training at a 3 star Michelin restaurant and Whittingham Fields among other establishments.

David's goal was to bring the same standard of service from fine dining and merge it with the pub trade and improve the standard of food.

"It's been achieved in many ways as we are one of the last pub restaurants in Northumberland offering complete table service rather than self service order at the bar establishments and our menu has grown to incorporate the vast amount of fresh local dishes available."

The Meadow House is offering a special Christmas fayre menu through the whole of December and its weekend party nights are fully booked.

In September 2008, Michael Hearn sadly lost his five year battle with cancer. During illness

the only thing "Mike" wanted to do was to return to work to hold service in his much loved bar. He was still much involved with the behind the scenes work just weeks before his death.

The last two years have been very hard for Edith and David, with Michael passing, snow, recession and now more snow and the daily fight to keep standards high and be ahead of the game wherever possible.

Says David: "We wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have over the last 30 years without some very loyal staff and friends, past and present, we thank you all.

"Hopefully we will win the fight for a few more years to come! Join us on facebook to find out our daily offers and deals."

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 David Hearn and his mother Edith are keeping the standard high at Meadow House in memory of Michael.



The Meadow House
Christmas fayre starts on 1st of December, bookings now being taken.

We can look after all your festive needs this season with our specially designed menu made from mostly fresh local produce.

Entertainment for our party nights is different this year. We are going old skool, playing all the best cheesy floor fillers from through the decades, all killers, no fillers.

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