

Dear Shareholders and Supporters of The Bell,

Oh Tier oh Tier oh Tier! Here we still are, almost a year on, with pubs once more agonisingly prevented from opening their doors. Nick and Dom's takeaways are helping to keep the business afloat, with The Bell's door ajar just enough to allow us to collect delicious food parcels every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Keeping this side of the business going is essential, as bills still have to be paid, which of course includes rent to the MCBS. On this matter the committee agreed modest rent discounts for December and January, and continue to review the situation at the end of every month.

Meanwhile, the enterprising Dom and Nick are trialling the development of other permissible revenue streams, and we are delighted to announce that the pub's scrumptious homemade loaves will be available in the community shop on Wednesdays – don't miss this, as the first batch went like the proverbial hot cakes!



Other ideas include the “The Bell at Home” – a gourmet meal in a box for you to cook at your convenience. With Valentine's Day on the horizon, why not check out the menu on the pub's website? www.thebellatypole.co.uk

If these “The Bell at Home” meals take off, the delivery radius would be about 5 miles, and it could be that some help is needed to get all the deliveries out on time. In the spirit of extra support for the pub in these difficult times, is there anyone out there who would be willing to volunteer an occasional hour on a Thursday or a Friday early evening to help the drive the boxes to doorsteps? All the necessary Covid-safe precautions will be in place, so if you could ping back to us with your phone number and/or email so that you can be contacted if it becomes necessary, it would all help the ‘war effort’.

Meanwhile, if any of you have other ideas or suggestions that you think would be popular – do let us or the pub know: both the management committee and The Bell's tenants are doing our best to ‘keep calm and carry on trading’ as best we can in the circumstances.

And now a little joy: we are delighted to announce that the Glider Trial lesson (from the December Shareholder Draw) was won by a shareholder in the centre of the village! This obviously can't be taken up until Covid restrictions ease but it's something to look forward to.

And finally, work is about to begin on putting together the coffee table album of pictures of The Bell's story which will be a future prize, so may we just repeat the November request for anyone who does NOT want to appear, to let us know by 14th February please?

With best wishes from The Management Committee and Nick and Dom, 1st February 2021