

A Night to Remember

Where in the Wychwoods can you enjoy a bubbly reception followed by excellent five-course fine dining, complete with wine, all accompanied by delightful music and followed by a great band to dance to, and all for £45? Eighty of us did just that at the New Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton-under-Wychwood on 29th September.



table and more could be purchased at the bar. Oliver Chapple gave a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Blue Whiskey
The evening was the brainchild of Peggy Walmsley,

Maureen Sandate, and Cindy Shannon. Cindy withdrew when she started her master's degree but the other two, reinforced by Kathleen Walker and Rachel Capuccini, ploughed on and created the most wonderful dining experience, based on recipes from Peggy and Maureen's homeland, the USA. Richard Sandate's band, Blue Whiskey, featured a vocalist who bravely sang in spite of a heavy cold and they were augmented by a trombonist from Witney, who added that special extra that only a trombone can.

The evening raised a splendid £2,091 for the Church Benefice, thanks to the ingredients having been sponsored by an anonymous benefactor, a silent auction of work of local artists, music provided at no charge, and the very hard work of Peggy, Maureen, Kathleen, Rachel, and their helpers.

Peter Hills

Some Menu!

The Hall looked superb, with its lining in place, and the tables were beautifully decorated with silver candelabra and fine linen: a perfect complement to the beautiful china on which the meal was served by a team of volunteers who then stayed on hand to pour wine or juice between courses. After the Rev'd Kate Stacey said the Grace, dinner started with canapés; caviar, prawns, curried eggs, crostini, and smoked oysters. This was followed by beef tenderloin with mustard sauce and herbed roast turkey accompanied by three salads and new potatoes. After a palate cleanser of raspberry and mint soup there was a café gourmand: a sweetened black demitasse with pumpkin roulade, Grand Marnier brownie and apple tart. Wine was on the

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