

A ringing endorsement for *The Bell*

During the reign of Elizabeth 1 the inhabitants of Woodham Walter safeguarded their spiritual wellbeing by building the beautiful red brick St Michael's Church. In the same year they took care of their creature comforts by building The Bell Inn across the road. 455 years later, both establishments are still serving the village in their own ways!

The Bell boasts a very attractive half-timbered exterior, whilst inside, the low timbered ceilings and many original features create a welcoming and cosy atmosphere.

The latest in a long line of landlords, Sean Cottey and Ann Clements are maintaining the tradition of hospitality, with a good selection of beer and wines together with delicious home-cooked food.

The couple has run the Bell for 12 years – Sean mans the bar assisted by a friendly team, and Ann is the chef, bringing her experience in hospitality and

catering to the kitchen, serving a wide range of freshly cooked dishes using the highest quality, locally sourced produce wherever possible. From lighter bites, such as sandwiches, or the more exotic crispy aromatic duck wrap with hoï sin sauce, through to heartier fare, including Ann's renowned steak, mushroom and merlot pie, there is something to suit every taste. The pub has daily specials and an à la carte menu at both lunchtimes and evenings. The 'proper' Sunday lunch is also extremely popular.

Nathan De Vries and Rachel Drysdale, whose speciality is naughty but nice puds of all

descriptions, ably assist Anne in the kitchen. The pub has a room that is ideal for private functions, where Rachel's beautiful celebration cakes go down a storm at private parties. The room can seat up to 22 people.

Set, as it is, in beautiful countryside The Bell is a regular destination for walkers and cyclists. Whether you reach the Bell by driving, cycling, or walking you can be sure you'll find everything you are looking for in a country pub. Booking is advisable.

Ample parking – no disabled access, but ramp available for front door. www.thebellpub.biz
The Street, Woodham Walter
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Food served Tuesday to Saturday
– 12pm - 2.30pm, 6pm - 9pm,
and on Sundays – 12pm - 3pm

