

The GIBBON BRIDGE

MARVELLOUS MARQUEE MAGIC



On Sunday 16th July the proprietor of the Gibbon Bridge Hotel, Chipping, Janet Simpson, celebrated her birthday with a magnificent party in a marquee situated in the hotel's newly landscaped front garden. William Roache from Coronation Street, Gaynor Faye currently from The Chase and 2006 winner of Dancing on Ice and local MP Nigel Evans performed the formal opening of the 'new' garden area.

340 of Janet's friends, family and colleagues were welcomed with a cooling glass of champagne accompanied by live Jazz music.

The menu for the event consisted of a Vietnamese Tiger prawn and scallop salad, roasts leg of lamb and loin of pork, cheese and biscuits and fresh cream cakes. Nigel Barden, an old friend of Janet, made a humorous and most fitting speech with the Gibbon Bridge staff children bringing in a birthday cake and presents.

The finale to a truly memorable occasion was dancing to entertainment from Steve Bayliss and Andy Gaskell.

Hosting *truly memorable occasions* is what Gibbon Bridge has become renowned for over the last 24 years. Janet Simpson and her team at the Gibbon Bridge pride themselves on offering their guests a very special experience, whatever the occasion.

For those of you who are not familiar with The Gibbon Bridge you will find this hidden 'gem' just outside the village of Chipping in the Forest of Bowland, Lancashire. It is set in 23 acres of beautiful grounds and gardens, with magnificent views of Lancashire fells. Formerly the Simpson's family farm, Gibbon Bridge, under the careful ownership of Janet, has evolved into an award winning, luxury hotel and inspirational eating establishment. The hotel continues to regenerate itself, expanding and upgrading facilities to ensure that it remains one of Lancashire finest.

The addition of the two acres of newly landscaped gardens at the front entrance is just one of the ways this year that the hotel will improve its facilities. In

addition to enhancing the established main gardens, this area has been specifically designed to take a 40-metre marquee allowing The Gibbon Bridge to offer wedding receptions or private functions for up to 300 guests.

Janet says: "We do not expect to do weddings of that size on a very regular basis. However, we believe there are couples who want large marquee weddings at a venue with experience of running such events."

The Gibbon Bridge currently hosts nearly 80 weddings each year, over half of which have a civil ceremony in the award winning Garden Bandstand. The hotel caters for receptions of up to 150 guests and has a wonderful reputation for its food, service, beautiful surroundings and landscaped gardens.

The wedding portfolio can be downloaded from the Gibbon Bridge website — www.gibbon-bridge.co.uk or please call the hotel on 01995 61456.

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