

REED POP-UP PUB NIGHT 13 MAY 2017 – POST-EVENT PRESS

SUPPORT FOR FUNDRAISER PROVES NEED FOR VILLAGE PUB – SAYS CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Campaigners hoping to save the 400-year-old Cabinet pub in Reed from being permanently turned into a house have been celebrating the success of their fundraising “Pop-up Pub night” on Saturday, which raised over £750 for their “Fighting Fund”.

Reed Village Hall had been transformed for the event and about a hundred people turned out over the course of the evening to enjoy a drink, something to eat and the pub atmosphere. Music was provided by local band Sky West, and the event had been supported among others by Pinkster’s Gin, Clarks of Ware and Adnams brewery.

Mike Howes, Chair of the Save the Cabinet Action group, said that the turnout showed beyond argument the need for a pub in Reed. Others commented on how pleasant it was to catch up with old friends, some of whom they hardly saw since the pub closed.

The present owner of The Cabinet has turned it into a house without planning permission for change of use or listed building consent. His retrospective applications are with North Herts District Council and campaigners now expect them to be determined during the summer.

Mike added, “It would be appalling if the developer at The Cabinet were allowed to get away with ignoring the law in the way he has. Reed needs its pub to be restored as the hub of this community. The resurgence in the pub culture in this part of Hertfordshire help us to feel confident that sense will prevail and that we will soon be on the way to getting our pub back.”

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