

# THE POT KILN NEWSLETTER

Country Pub & Game Restaurant

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*'Pot Kiln rated number six in the UK's top ten pubs.'*  
**The Sunday Times July 2016**

*Photo Shannon Robinson December 2016*

**FOOD AWARDS** – The Sunday Times has nominated The Pot Kiln as one of the UK's Top 100 restaurants and last month we were voted 46 in the Top 50 Gastro Pub Awards with Mike's, Harwood Arms winning sixth place. A big thank you to all our staff for making this possible and of course to all our loyal customers for supporting us.

**PLANNING PERMISSION** – Last month the West Berkshire County Council approved our Planning Application for conversion of our Open Store on Pot Kiln Lane into four guest rooms and for the extension of the Restaurant and Kitchen alongside the provision of increased parking facilities. The intricate application received over ninety per cent support from many locals, customers and our Parish Council.

Fundraising for the development is now underway and please email [rocky@potkiln.org](mailto:rocky@potkiln.org) if you would like a copy of our Investment Particulars that outlines our Share Offer and Business Plan.

**PLANNING MISSION** – Due to its woodland location, The Pot Kiln will strive to evolve into a Wild Food country pub and restaurant. An ultimate ambition will be to only serve 'local' and 'regional' produce that is sourced and sustainably foraged with respect for woodland and wildlife.

**'Food is Culture'**, elegantly wrote the distinguished culinary historian, Massimo Montanari, who explored the innovative premise that everything to do with food represents a cultural act. Accordingly, The Pot Kiln seeks to celebrate rustic culture by integrating 'Field to Plate' dining within a 'Rural Chic' venue-design that sensitively interprets the site's Victorian brick and pot-making heritage. Activity dramas for schools are planned with visiting children completing a diary, contrasting the typical day of a child labourer in 1840 and today's child. The activity will encourage children to encompass history, citizenship and understanding of the life and hardship of child labourers in Victorian England.