



## Newsletter #3 – Last Orders for our Share Offer

Welcome to the latest of our regular newsletters keeping you updated on the progress of our campaign to save the Silks on the Downs pub for the benefit of the community. With our share offer closing on 31<sup>st</sup> May follow us on Facebook and Twitter or visit [savethesilks.org](http://savethesilks.org) regularly to keep updated in real time and please do share this newsletter with friends and family. At this final stage of our campaign we need everyone to know we risk losing our pub and how they can help us prevent that.

### Significant gap to fundraising target with 5 days to go



At time of writing with 5 days to go, our share offer had raised 135,000. Whilst this has been encouraging it's still not enough to allow us to move forward with a viable business plan. For those of you who intend to or are considering investing you need to act now please to ensure we have best possible chance of succeeding.

If we are unable to raise the required share offer funding the campaign is at a real risk of stalling. So please do talk to friends, neighbours and relatives about the share offer and remind them that without their help in the next few days it's likely we will lose the pub for good.

And if you've recently found a few more pennies down the back of the sofa and would consider increasing your investment please contact us.

### Save the Date - 22<sup>nd</sup> July - End of Lockdown Community Party

We have an event planned for the evening of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to celebrate the end of lockdowns and bring the community together once again. It will be a weatherproof event, thanks to a marquee at a secret location in Ogbourne Maizey, and we estimate we will have a capacity of 100. It will run from 5pm to 9pm which we hope will help ensure families are able to attend with children earlier in the evening. More details to follow in the coming days so keep your eyes peeled and pop the date in your diary now.



## Pop Up Pub brings community together

Our Pop Up Pub last Saturday proved extremely popular and it was great to finally engage with the community face to face to discuss hopes and plans for the pub and galvanised our resolve to #SaveTheSilks for the benefit of the community. We saw some additional investments into our share offer following the event which was great but by far the most rewarding aspect was seeing the community near and far come together across generations and backgrounds and spend time chatting and enjoying the wonderful countryside we are lucky enough to call home.



## Another Community Pub Success Story



The Fox at Loxley in Warwickshire reopened last week after a campaign that started 2 years ago to 'Save The Fox'. The team behind that campaign admit there were many times on their journey when they thought they would not succeed.

'What is important is to know that as a small village of just 400 people we managed to achieve what many said was impossible and we are now a Community pub that has plans to be more than a pub. This message is to all the groups that are still fighting to save their community asset, don't give up, if we can do it you can do it'

## Miracle Theatre at Maizey Lodge

Although not organised by or linked to #SaveTheSilks we wanted to let you know about a brilliant community event that you won't want to miss. Miracle Theatre Company will be at Maizey Lodge, Ogbourne Maizey on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to perform their latest touring comedy 'Starcrazy'. Tickets in advance only. Details at [miracletheatre.co.uk](http://miracletheatre.co.uk) or [maizey50@gmail.com](mailto:maizey50@gmail.com)



That's all for this issue. Thanks to everyone who has supported us with time, passion and of course investment, it is very much appreciated. Please get in touch with any questions, ideas and offers of support. With your support we can do this!

The #SaveTheSilks Team

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