

Running Horses gallops ahead



▶ The Running Horses, the Brakspear-owned coaching inn tucked away in the Surrey Hills village of Mickleham, Box Hill, is performing well after a full refurbishment carried out late last year.

The pub, which reopened in November 2014, is now attracting a decent trade through its restaurant and five luxurious ensuite bedrooms.

“It’s been very good,” comments Antony Ely, executive chef for Brakspear’s managed estate (pictured). “We haven’t pushed the marketing too much, but it’s still performing well. Our customers know what good food is – they want to see decent food in there. Covers have increased, so have sales.”

The site has a ‘proper traditional village pub feel’ and a restaurant over three oak-panelled dining spaces, offering a regularly changing menu of seasonal and locally-sourced produce created by head chef Daniel Donoghue, who works alongside Ely.

“The rooms were in a shabby state and they’re now absolutely immaculate,” adds Ely. “That’s another string to our bow. We now want to attract a wider audience.”