

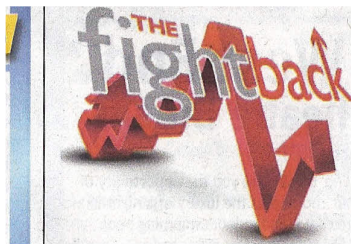
Local couple revive pub

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IPSWICH: Seventeen years ago Gary and Anne Cornwall ran the Brook Inn, at Washbrook, before moving on to other business interests.

When they heard the landlord John Worledge was retiring and the future of the village pub was in doubt they decided to turn back the clock and take over as publicans.

Mrs Cornwall said: "The



village people have been fantastic to us. We didn't want to lose the pub."

They took over in November and have been busy making a lot of changes, making it a place for the villagers to congregate and developing the food and restaurant side of the business too.

"It has' been absolutely brilliant," said Mrs Cornwall.

"We knew it would be a challenge but we have had such a



CHEERS! Gary and Anne Cornwall at the Brook Inn.
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lot of support from people in the village. They have given us a base to build the future of the pub."

Her husband added: "Our previous pubs include the Mulberry Tree, in Ipswich, and we did a few interesting things there.

"We are local people and people appreciate that. We have lived in the village for 20 years."

They have added to the activities in the pub; quizzes continue and there is now karaoke, a fortnightly Wednesday coffee morning and they were encouraging darts players too.

Food is also a big part of the business, with meals on offer

six nights a week plus Sunday lunchtime.

They make their own bread and pancakes and plenty of home-cooked food. The menu ranges from sandwiches and light bites to fish, steak and various roast and a range of dessert including home made bread and butter pudding.

For more details go to their website www.thebrookirri-nwashbrook.co.uk

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