



Andrew Beale, Wayne Turner and David Seward

Restaurant art at West Lodge Park

INVITED guests gathered to celebrate the launch of the newly refurbished restaurant at West Lodge Park in Hadley Wood – and to welcome its new artwork to the walls.

Managing director Andrew Beale spoke to guests about his ancestor, the painter Mary Beale, whose work now adorns the walls of the restaurant, thanks to the generosity of donors. Some of the artwork has come from the recently closed Manor House Museum in Bury St Edmunds.

Mary Beale was Britain's first female artist and her works have been brought together for the first time at the hotel. She was the first woman to make a living from portrait painting, at a time when it was an exclusively male profession, during the 17th century. At the height of her fame in 1677 Mary painted 83 portraits earning the then considerable sum of £429. Her paintings are now considered national treasures, some of which are on display in the National Portrait Gallery and Tate Britain. Extracts from the diaries of

her husband Charles Beale also now adorn the walls.

Guests enjoyed a three-course meal in the Mary Beale restaurant to mark the occasion.



Paul Jaffa at the piano



Simon and Linda Lester



Andrew Beale and Clare Bourke



Dr Shah and Emma Beale



Greville Bridge and Trevor Beale



Mr and Mrs Vangucci



Simon Lester and Andrew Beale



Andrew Beale