

Chez Jerome, **Church Street**

13 years – and then a pandemic!

A French restaurant once stood in High Street North. When it closed there was a void, until Lina and Jerome arrived taking over Il Millefiori in Church Street.

Husband and wife team, Lina from Madeira and Jerome from France, have together built up a formidable clientele which enjoys a wonderful welcome and excellent food.

Chez Jerome celebrated thirteen years in November; they can look back on a very successful restaurant in a historical building in Dunstable, a survivor from the 60s demolition of Church Street.

The pandemic hit many small businesses; many adapted, Chez Jerome changed their style and offered take-aways. The usual client group is not necessarily one which embraces this style of catering. New clients were sought.

Lina said, “One lockdown was difficult. A brief period with a limited number of people able to enjoy an evening out, due in part to the restrictions on different households meeting – for wider celebrations – only gave a short respite. A second lockdown meant more challenges. Take-aways were on the menu again. We adapted many of our signature dishes.’

“We were pleased to help feed homeless people during the lockdown as well as some families feed their children during half-term.”

We all need to support local businesses, especially those which have had to shut or have only been able to offer a limited or alternative service to help keep heads above water.

Chez Jerome’s clients will welcome Lina and Jerome opening again, offering their full menu for years to come.