

I would say a Very Big Thank You - Colin & Michelle.

Colin Wilson the manager of the Falcon Hotel here in Whittlesey is leaving. For what-ever reason, Colin will be very missed by so many in our community. I'll list just a couple of his many generous engagements with individuals and many community groups.

He has allowed many community groups to use his hostelry 'free of charge' and expects nothing in return.

How many (short memories) remember...

"A hotelier who has been hailed as a 'hero' by his wife, supporting his community under Covid-19 lockdown by cooking over 200 free meals a week, is now gearing up to reawaken his business when restrictions lift on July 4."

15 weeks supporting – Feeding Whittlesey...and never lost his Geordie accent.



Colin & Michelle @ The Falcon © PT-ET

Colin, who turned 60 during lockdown, is showing no signs of slowing down, having had to look after the eight-bedroom hotel single-handed since furloughing his eight staff three months ago. Despite living in Dogsthorpe, [Peterborough](#), every Wednesday he has opened up his kitchen and supported the Helping Whittlesey volunteers, cooking free meals for the isolating, elderly and vulnerable, thanks to donations and food from numerous sources, including abroad. Despite the heat he still rustled up 236 hot meals on Wednesday in a kitchen not geared up for mass catering.

The team of helpers delivering the meals presented him with a cake, apron and card in recognition of his efforts on his birthday on June 18.

Who cannot remember his much-failed attempt with renowned hotelier Alex Polizzi (The Hotel Inspector) goes on a quest to save the Falcon, did Colin take any notice what-so-ever – **NO**.

<https://www.channel5.com/the-hotel-inspector/season-17/episode-6>