

99 WORCESTER ROAD

This shop is on the site of Miss Gale's shop and cottage.
It opened in 1970 as a delicatessen run by Paul Lewis and later by
Brenda and Derek Thorne.
In 1986 it was taken over by Jill Gall and known as The Hamper.



Jill Gall and daughter Emma.

Bubbly celebration at deli



Emma Gail, left, and mother Jill celebrate 20 years of their Hagley delicatessen

Jill and Emma thank customers for support

A delicatessen has celebrated 20 years of tempting the tastebuds of Hagley residents with staff past and present turning out to celebrate the occasion.

Jill Gail set up the Hamper in 1986 and the store has since become one of the most well-known and established sites in Worcester Road.

Staff who have worked at the shop in the past returned to serve customers with champagne and canapés as part of the celebrations.

Jill still works behind the counter with her daughter Emma, who was only 12 when the shop first opened, and although she did not have a clue how to run a business at first soon turned it into a success.

Chris Lowther, who worked at the deli for 16 years, returned yesterday to help Jill and

Report by Lee Watton

Emma celebrate the anniversary. Emma said she believed the shop had been successful because it retained traditional family service and stocked the best possible food.

"When my mother first started the Hamper she never thought it would still be going strong 20 years later," she said.

"In business getting past the first five years is always the first hurdle to climb but my mum was able to do it successfully and the shop has thrived."

"Mum still works here behind the counter and would not dream of giving it up. She loves the work."

Emma said she and her mum had held the celebration as a means of thanking their friends and customers for their support.



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by Jodie Mundon.

