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Tavern in the Square Allston opens doors at Kells' former home

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A new restaurant and bar opened Friday in a space that previously housed a popular neighborhood night spot for 15 years before closing earlier this year.

[Tavern in the Square Allston](#) is the fourth member of a local restaurant chain that began six years ago in Cambridge.

The restaurant on Brighton Avenue near the roadway's busy intersection with Harvard Avenue, replaces the Kells, a bar that had become known as a trouble spot after multiple violent altercations reportedly took place in and outside of the bar. The Kells had also reportedly become a popular destination for underage drinkers and disruptive patrons.

"If you could be any more of a 180 [from the former business], then we're it," said Tavern in the Square owner Shawn Ahearn in an interview several weeks ago.

Ahearn said his establishment will run on the same concept used at the other three Tavern in the Square locations and will have a very similar vibe.

He said the other three taverns have never gone before a licensing board for violation hearings.

Check back with [Boston.com](#) early next week for more on the new restaurant's opening.

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