

Summer at The Swan

Summer is here and there's no better place to enjoy the delights of al fresco dining than at The Swan in Salford.

The popular Peaches Pub place is a hive of activity, and promises a season of great food, fantastic hospitality and exciting events, all set in a beautiful village away from the hustle and bustle of Milton Keynes.

The new summer menu is going down a treat, as I discovered on a visit to The Swan last week.

Launched just a couple of weeks ago, it is drawing in the customers with starters such as grilled sardines with salsa verde, sweetcorn and chilli risotto and summer ratatouille pancakes with a goat's cheese sauce.

For mains there are steamed sea bass fillets with white wine and fennel, cherry tomatoes and olives and free range chicken breast served with roast summer vegetables and pesto pappardelle.

Desserts include summer pudding (what else?) and ice creams from Maynards of Biggleswade.

My dining companion, Alex, and I shared one of the pub's famous deli boards as a starter and with much oohing and ahing polished off some cheeses - Quenby Hall Stilton and Brie - some salami and local cured Coppa (a type of cured pork), along with some rustic bread, red pepper houmous, sun blushed tomatoes and tomato chutney. It was all totally divine and a lovely way to wake up our taste-buds.

For mains I opted for the sausage of the day - pork and leek - mash,

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and onion gravy which was all beautifully cooked and seasoned.

Alex plumped for one of the day's specials - grilled mackerel, balsamic cherry tomatoes and rocket salad with red pepper butter - and said the fish was deliciously melt-in-the-mouth.

She also could not resist a side order of chips, which I sneaked a few of and agreed, yes, they were really yummy.

We just about managed to fit in desserts - an assortment of the lovely local ice creams for me, and after spying what was being delivered to the next table, the poached summer fruit knickerbocker glory for Alex, which she said was delicious, zingy and refreshing.

You can eat in the lovely restaurant or the beautiful garden outside, the choice is yours....

The Swan also has barbecue food available on sunny days towards the end of the week and weekend, and various food based events taking place each month, the next being a 'Bastille' themed dinner.

To keep up to date with all the goings on at The Swan and to see the new summer menu in full visit the website.



Farmer's market

The Swan is holding a new farmer's market on the last Sunday of every month, starting on June 28.

There will be stalls selling everything from delicious meats to home-made jams and plants.

It will run from 9am to 1pm in the field at the rear of the pub.

Afterwards you can enjoy sampling local produce with a spot of lunch.



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