

The Thatch

BH Magazine samples the delights of The Thatch at Thame...

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THE Thatch on Thame Lower High Street is a building steeped in history dating back to around 1550. It has continued to play a prominent role in the town and surrounding area including its association with TV chef Raymond Blanc and is now run by the Peach Pub Company whose managing director, Lee Cash, was one of Monsieur Blanc's inspectors on The Restaurant.

Under head chef, Ross Whitmill, The Thatch serves freshly prepared food using ingredients sourced from quality suppliers. The Thatch focuses on the best seasonal ingredients, British wherever possible and is open from 10am daily for coffee and cake, serving hot food from noon and throughout the day.

General manager Frazer Sutherland and his team effortlessly blend the old with the new for a truly memorable dining experience.

As well as top-notch food, there are plenty of staff and the service was friendly and efficient.

The menu at The Thatch changes with the seasons and on my visit, it was the second day of the spring menu.

For my starter I chose the antipasti deli board offering tantalising treats including mushroom pate, Welsh Rarebit dip, mixed olives and sundried tomatoes.

I love tapas dishes where I am able to sample different tastes

and I wasn't disappointed.

For my main course, I chose duck a l'orange on a thyme rosti with wilted spinach.

The duck was cooked perfectly and it complimented my starter perfectly, being satisfying but not too filling and leaving just enough space for my desert of seasonal fruit sabayon with a lemon sorbet.

I don't have enough space to list everything on the menu here but diners at The Thatch can be assured that only fresh, seasonal ingredients are used and, if their experience is similar to mine, they certainly won't be disappointed.

Frazer said: "We are trying to be the best we can, somewhere people can trust that offers reliable and ethical food.

"We took over in November, Thame is a fantastic place and we feel we have the trust of the town.

"Visitors here can be assured of a relaxed friendly welcome from confident experienced staff who can tell you everything about what you are about to order and have a lot of knowledge about every course on the menu."

As someone who has been fortunate enough to eat at The Thatch, I can heartily recommend a visit.

Information

To book a table call 01844 214340 or to reserve a table online and see the menu go to www.thethatchthame.co.uk