

# FOOD & DRINK



**TASTE OF THE PAST:** The sleek exterior of the Bistro, Lympne, contrasts well with the nearby castle

# Enjoy CLASSIC fare in Bistro's historic setting

## RESTAURANT REVIEW THE BISTRO

Lympne Castle, The Street, Lympne. Tel: 01303 267644

TUCKED away in the sleepy little village of Lympne is a modern and stylish cafe-cum-restaurant, The Bistro.

Being once the stables for the medieval cottages leading off of the castle, its sleek exterior contrasts well with its historic surroundings – a breath of fresh air for the period structure.

Yet the new build hasn't lost its rustic character as its imposing beams and towering oak doors nod to its historic individuality.

The interior balances the period charm with minimalistic furnishings and colours, creating an enjoyable and pleasant atmosphere for lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

The open kitchen is an interesting touch as it allows you to observe the chef and the staff

at work while you relax.

The menu is not fixed and offers a variety of styles and ingredients each week – there are sometimes Greek influences, as well as Indian, French and English inspirations.

The snack menu doesn't disappoint either, with homemade touches including the farmhouse-style bread for the generous sandwiches, the delicious soups and broths, as well as the light, fluffy cakes and scones for its delightfully rustic afternoon tea.

Its choice of presentation reflects this home-made and rustic feel nicely with its carefully chosen pretty China crockery sets for the afternoon teas and its use of fashionable wooden boards.

The food itself is equally fantastic as its festive choice of turkey broth is perfectly indulgent with chunky veg in a

light and flavoursome soup.

A meal that is full of goodness and naughtiness all at once, brilliantly satisfying.

Additionally, the breakfast options are a winner with a mixture of traditional elegance and homely comfort, smoked salmon and scrambled eggs with potato cakes.

All food is well-seasoned and skilfully made. Great classic combinations with an English twist root the place to its historical origins.

So, if you're looking for a delicious lunch as well as a change of scenery, somewhere you can work off your indulgence with a very pretty stroll and fantastic views of the seaside afterwards, then give The Bistro in Lympne a go. You won't be disappointed!

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