

Area 33 Sunday Lunch – November - The Forge, Billericay

Our final Sunday Lunch of the year was to be Maldon Golf Club; but urgent phone calls from our culinary member Harry on the Friday before the weekend said it was all off because the Golf Club had 82 members for a competition and there would be nowhere to park!

Oh no, and no-one had a roast dinner prepared for Sunday!

Never mind, Harry suggested that his other new venue, The Forge in Billericay, would be even better and promised better food at lower cost, plus profiteroles for Ron – well who can refuse that!

And so it was that 20 members rearranged their Sat Navs to lead to The Forge instead, including Terry & Caroline; Reg & Ronnie, Ian & Anne, Ron & Pam, Peter & Brenda, Mike & Sue, Ron & Anita, Tina & Bernie, Tony & Sian, and Eric & Linda. Despite having to park in the Coop car park alongside (those who took their Jaguars parked huddled in one corner for group protection from shopping trollies!) the interior of The Forge looked very

hospitable as we sat at reserved tables in the comfy dining area.

The first surprise was the price of beer, Green King IPA/Abbot Ale etc all at £2.75 a pint – what value; followed by menu prices including 8oz Steak meal for £4.99 and the Sunday Roasts all at £4.99 – it's gotta be suspect we thought? However, as promised,

Harry did us proud on our last Sunday Lunch and delivered excellent quality and proportions of our favourite pub foods.



Of course, Harry didn't forget the profiteroles as finally a huge plate of 20+ little tempters was delivered to Ron, but even he couldn't manage THAT number and we ALL managed to sample at least two, and very nice they were!

So, despite the turmoil on Friday of nowhere for our last Sunday Lunch, the finale was a great success with record numbers attending and enjoying great company.

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