

Turtley Cornmill South Brent

Here is another fine restaurant from the owners of The Bridge. Turtley's chef offers a range of dishes for reliably good lunches and dinners to please most tastes.

From the starter menu, Morecombe Bay shrimps prepared our appetites for the mains: confit of Duck for one, and for the other, a superb thick Gammon steak with mushrooms, tomatoes, chips & black pudding. Lunch ended sweetly with baked peaches, amoretto biscuits & berries. All quite memorable for an alfresco summer lunch. Tables in the library, with book-lined walls, have another appealing ambience and, alcoves with cottage-pane windows, have an outlook of the garden where the backdrop is a grassy bank, rising to a Devon stone wall which encloses woods.

From our rustic table on the lower garden terrace, Bantams and farmyard fowls walked freely around the lawn. Ladies with pre-school children were by the pond to see ducks and, babies in prams were with mothers whose summer dresses brought lightness to the outdoor scene. The sunny picture was further graced by peacocks whose languid stroll sent out an air of confidence about their domiciled rights. Their lack of concern for our presence was understood to be a snub. We appreciated our alfresco lunch regardless of our apparent place in the pecking order.

When settling the bill at the bar, a Pneumatic system sparked a do-you-remember-when conversation. The system takes orders to the chef in a tube above the bar.

Turtley's latest menu selection is on line www.turtleycornmill.com Tel:01364 646100
As you approach the Cornmill, look for Turtley's own flag flying high on its standard.