

The Packhorse, Northborough

'Best chips ever' at lively village pub

Last Friday, Chris and I kicked off our weekend with a splendid visit to The Packhorse. What a fantastic choice! The vibrant beer garden was buzzing, a perfect backdrop of laughter, playful children, and cheerful dogs with tails wagging in pure joy.

Stepping inside, we were instantly charmed by the pub's quirky yet modern decor. The tables, each featuring little boxes filled with conversational cards, added a delightful twist to our meal—sparking laughs and lively chats.

Ravenous, we quickly settled on our order. Chris opted for a delicious plate of spaghetti adorned with roasted asparagus and courgettes, all smothered in a delicate tomato and herb sauce. Unable to resist, he also ordered a side of hand-cut chips—later proclaiming them to be "the best chips he has EVER had in a restaurant!" High praise indeed from a seasoned chip connoisseur!

I went for the classic Friday dish, it is Fry-yay after all: a delectable Inch's Cider Battered Fish 'n' Chips. With minted peas on the side and the tartare sauce, served quaintly in a sweet enamel cup and the vinegar was served in a potion like little bottle which left me smiling from ear to ear. The fish was a masterpiece—delicate, flaky, and wrapped in a crisp batter that melted delightfully in the mouth.

We rounded off our meal with desserts to remember: a heavenly sticky toffee pudding with ice cream and a banoffee pudding cup—both simply divine.

As we were leaving, a cute bowl of freshly cut asparagus caught our eye, available for sale. Unable to resist, we bought a couple of bunches and can now confirm, after cooking it at home—it was delicious. A perfect touch and finish to our evening.

But it's not just the food that makes The Packhorse the heart of Northborough—it's also a hub of excitement with themed nights, quizzes, and live music offering endless entertainment. I'm already planning a return trip for their afternoon tea with Charly.

Fancy a fabulous dining experience? The Packhorse is an experience you won't want to miss, and who knows? You might just find yourself becoming a regular!

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