

u3a Lunch Group

The January 2023 u3a Lunch group meeting, was at The Three Horseshoes, Galgate, Barnard Castle on Wednesday 18th, kindly organised by Jane Mathieson

Ten members had a very warm welcome in the restaurant which was very busy, always a good sign! We appreciated that the staff were still friendly and very attentive due to the number of tables that had other diners.

The menu was extensive with plenty of variety for all tastes, however, 6 of the members decided the "Twice Cooked Brisket" "with tasty chive mash, celeriac purée and tenderstem broccoli with Rich Pan Jus was too good to miss.

Two members had the "Beef Burger with Monterey Jack Cheese, salad and french fries and the last two members had "Pan Fried Chicken with Blue Cheese sauce" new potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

Judging by the comments on how delicious the food was, the majority of plates were left clean. We all appreciated it was good it was to have hot plates and beautifully presented food, even to the crispy fried onions on the top of the brisket, which melted in the mouth!

You would have thought as the portions were generous we would not have room for a pudding.....perhaps it was the cold weather but 7 of us still managed to be tempted!

Some were shared and the kitchen provided a spoon & plate each (very thoughtful)and some enjoyed their dessert to themselves .A very light "Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice cream. Apple Crumble Tart with custard, very boozy cherries & chocolate brownie and chocolate & orange bread & butter pudding!

We all said that we were very lucky in having such a venue nearby that produced such good quality food, served by excellent staff. We would definitely recommend The Three Horseshoes to friends & families.

The next meeting, is an early evening meeting, 5pm at Capri on Newgate, Barnard Castle on the Wednesday 15th February.

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