

Fine Dining



The Market Place

► **Location** 66 The High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AH Tel 0845 201 9824 **Open** Tues-Thurs noon-3pm (last orders), 6pm-9pm (last orders); Fri & Sat noon-3pm (last orders), 6pm-10pm (last orders); Sun noon-3pm (last orders) **Web** www.the-marketplace.co.uk **Email** enq@the-marketplace.co.uk **Disabled Facilities** ✓

Written at the top of The Market Place's menu is the phrase 'simply fine dining' – and that's exactly what you can expect at this charming restaurant. Upon stepping through the door, you are greeted by a warm, welcoming ambience, bare stone walls, exposed beams and the soft glow of candles. Service is efficient and attentive without being overbearing; the head waiter is very knowledgeable, not only about the food but also about wine, and will gladly recommend a bottle to accompany your meal.

New dishes are introduced to the menu on a regular basis, and consequently you can always expect to sample a delightful new dish. From the selection of starters we ordered the pan-fried pigeon breast with beetroot carpaccio, walnut and tarragon, and smoked and cured salmon, served with watercress mousse and caper dressing. Both were beautifully presented with fine, carefully balanced flavours that complemented one another perfectly.

After such a good start, expectations for the main course were high – and we were not disappointed. The roast pheasant breast with stuffed leg, confit thigh and juniper berry jus was again beautiful to look at and cooked to

perfection, as was the grilled sea bass served with Lyonnaise potatoes, roasted vegetables and Pernod. My companion was delighted with the cauliflower gateau with goat's cheese sauce, and, though a faithful carnivore, she declared it to be one of the most delectable dishes she had ever had the pleasure of sampling. To round off our meal, the hot chocolate fondant with homemade ice cream was melt-in-the-mouth indulgence, while the lemon tart was both light and zesty. Further temptation is offered by the special board menu, and for those looking for great value, a set lunch menu is available from just £12.50 for two courses – choose from a concise yet inspiring selection.

Put simply, the food at The Market Place is beyond exquisite – this really is fine dining at its very best. Whatever the occasion, be it a birthday, family celebration or just an impromptu gathering, you are guaranteed a warm welcome and a truly sumptuous meal.

