

# The Market Place launches their garden terrace

## New terrace at The Market Place will open up a world of alfresco dining

**BUSINESSES** like to say they are part of the community, but in the case of the Market Place in Cowbridge that is quite literally true.

You see, the restaurant borders Cowbridge's historic town walls – and the Market Place has been involved in rebuilding

the walls in its immediate vicinity so that they blend in with the recent refurbishment that has taken place around the Old Hall Gardens.

In fact, now that Peter and Tim Marriott have created their own garden terrace, you can reach out and touch those walls as you relax in the sheltered oasis that will offer the best in alfresco dining.

It is two years since Peter and Tim took over the Market Place, with Tim as the proprietary

chef and his father Peter assisting in the business side of the venture, and the garden terrace was in their plans from day one.

However, it was first necessary to build a reputation and a solid client base, and Tim's cuisine skills have taken care of that. Having worked in a number of acclaimed restaurants in London, Tim's vision was to offer that sort of wide-ranging imaginative menu, but with a reputation for offering value for money.

That aim has been achieved, with customers travelling from Cardiff, Swansea and some are now coming from Bristol, as well as visitors and tourists to the area, and the Market Place's many customers from the Vale.

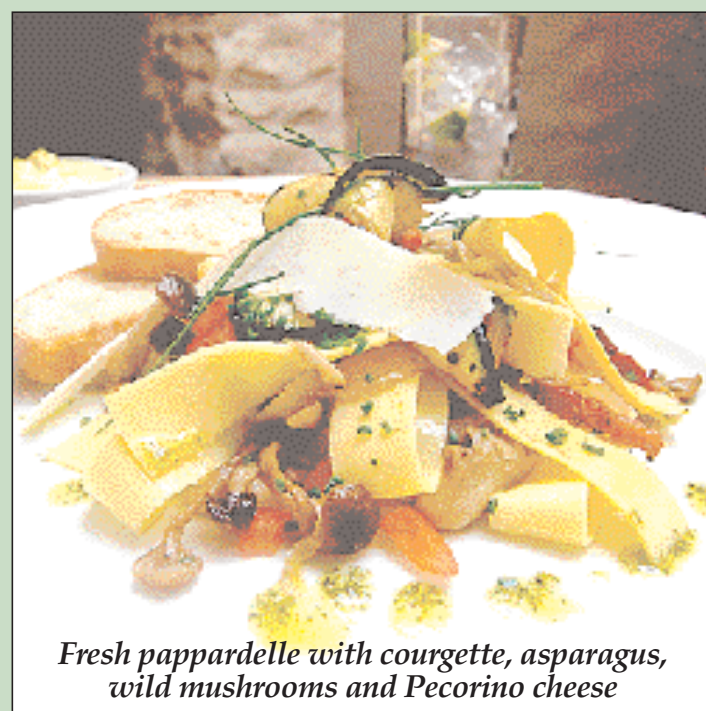
The garden terrace will offer all of these diners

the chance to enjoy fine food in an idyllic summer setting.

Massive glass doors have been installed and, when the weather allows, the garden restaurant will open out onto the terrace, which is bordered by topiary enclosures.

Tim believes that it will be a perfect place for people to drop in for late morning coffee or afternoon or early evening drinks – as well as for lunch and evening meals.

When I visited the garden terrace, I was struck by how peaceful it was. The high thick walls keep traffic noise out completely, and it feels like a stately courtyard in a country mansion.



*Fresh pappardelle with courgette, asparagus, wild mushrooms and Pecorino cheese*

### STARTERS

- Soup of the day with garlic granary croutons £4.50
- Chicken, pork knuckle and Parma ham terrine with house piccalilli £5.75
- Tiger prawn, smoked mackerel, cream cheese mousse with smoked salmon and herb toast £5.95
- Asparagus tartlet with goats cheese and sundried tomato £5.75
- Seared scallops with truffle scented pea puree, black pudding and Parmesan £6.95

### MAINS

- Roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, swede puree, horseradish cream £11.95
- Boned and rolled welsh lamb with roast potatoes and vegetables with mint sauce £11.95
- Succulent pork belly, roast potatoes, swede puree and vegetables, apple compote £11.95
- Loin of cod with Welsh rarebit crust, garlic mash potato, sprouting broccoli and cream mustard sauce £13.95
- Fresh tomato risotto, char grilled courgettes and asparagus £10.95
- Fish of the day, crushed new potatoes, spring greens and salsa verde £14.95

### DESSERTS

- Hazelnut brownie with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce £4.75
- Bitter chocolate and golden coffee cheese cake, macerated fruits, banana cream £4.75
- Amaretti and rhubarb crème brulee with almond shortbread biscuits £4.75
- A selection of cheeses with homemade chutney, grapes and biscuits £6.25
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# The Market Place for exquisite al fresco dining



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## Introducing the Garden Wine Bar...

ANOTHER development nearing completion has been to convert the upstairs bar area into an intimate, relaxing wine bar designed in keeping with the period aspects of the building. The Garden Wine Bar will be offering bin ends wine from the restaurant wine list at very attractive prices.

For instance, a bottle that was £15 during its time on the menu will be available in the wine bar for around £9.95 or by the glass, and there will also be a choice of quality wines, a selection of terrace cocktails and new range of beers of the world.

The Garden Wine Bar will have another advantage of course, a fine view over old Cowbridge, and from a unique viewpoint.

Peter Marriott told The GEM that consider-

able time, care and investment had been expended in achieving a development that will enhance the existing wonderful historic building, while providing the new cutting edge terrace and garden wine bar facilities.

"We see it as an investment in Cowbridge as well as investing in our own business. I do not believe that business in Cowbridge should rely solely on the town to bring in customers. We need to offer something extra to bring in more!"

However, the best setting in the world will not prosper if the food disappoints, and Tim and his team will be carrying on the good work, with mouth watering items on the menu such as a terrine of smoke salmon, tiger prawns, smoked mackerel, cream cheese and caper dressing, or char-grilled calves liver and bacon with mustard mash and onion jus – and those are just on the Early Early Supper set menu! (£10.95, two course, 6.00 pm - 6.55 pm, Tuesday - Friday).

There is a fixed price lunch menu every day, two courses for £12.95 and three courses for £15.95) and you can also choose from the terrace dishes such as main course crispy duck and rocket salad with parmesan and truffle oil at £7.95 or indeed mozzarella, tomato and pesto gourmet burger with hand cut chips at £9.75.

Move on to the a la carte menu and there are plenty of dishes that excite, whether it be the roasted rump of lamb with feta and sundried tomato dauphinoise potato, tapenade and seasonal greens or Rosemary braised pork belly with mustard, herbs and liver sausage, mash potato and crackling.

So, The Market Place is now offering fine al fresco dining and new intimate garden wine bar in a tranquil and civilised setting. The fine weather arrived early this year, so Peter and Tim, in particular, have a good reason for hoping it continues.



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