



## Reviewed: The Market Place, Cowbridge

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Ladies First's Zoe Bayley heads off to Cowbridge in search of fine dining and a cosy atmosphere...

**Restaurant:** The Market Place, Cowbridge

**Reviewed by:** Zoe Bayley

### Verdict:

Our first impression of The Market Place was very good - the front-of-house staff were very welcoming and led us to our table promptly. The restaurant itself has been restored to offer diners a space with plenty of character yet without feeling old fashioned - light and airy whilst retaining a warm and cosy charm.

The menu had an excellent selection for all palates and our waiter helped my indecision between slow roasted belly pork or lamb by making his own personal recommendation.

To start I decided on seared scallops, sweetcorn and parmesan puree with crisp pancetta, whilst my guest opted for the pan-roasted pigeon breast with celeriac Waldorf salad and jus. Both dishes were divine and the presentation flawless. Needless to say we cleaned our plates.

Our mains - roasted garlic rump of lamb served with dauphinoise potato, red cabbage and redcurrant jus and grilled whole lemon sole with garlic and parmesan potatoes and beetroot emulsion - were equally scrumptious. The lamb was cooked to perfection and exactly to my liking, while the flavours of the red cabbage teamed with the redcurrant jus were simply yummy!

For dessert our waiter was very insistent that we both try the dark chocolate fondant with amaretto cherry and vanilla ice cream. We were informed it would take 12 minutes to prepare the dish, but this allowed for a nice break between courses. And when it arrived the fondant was well worth the wait - utter chocolate heaven and truly the best chocolate dessert either of us had ever sampled. If I was being picky I would have enjoyed one more of amaretto cherry as one was not enough... but perhaps that's just us being a little greedy!

**Rating:** Definitely will be going back.

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