



Monkey Business

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Hello all; I hope you had a good Christmas celebration with New Year still to come.

We had our first venture out in the hope of finding a new home that suits our needs following the closure of our beloved Deanwater. This was held at the Stanneylands Hotel, which, I think, is quite acceptable and has potential that we can build a relationship over time. However I have had mixed comments about the new venue so we'll see! *that sloping car park is going to be a challenge for anyone opening or closing the door on a TD, TE or TF! - B'er T'er.*



As I said last month - if there's only one Alvis in the car park you know whose it'll be!

I do believe any venue is on a hiding to nothing until we have tried a few options, and got the Deanwater out of our minds.

So far I have a short list of three places to try and for January let's try The Pinewood Hotel in Handforth village.

Although the manager is most enthusiastic about our using the hotel I have some reservations, but, saying that, let's give it a whirl and not judge until we've experienced it.

Our next meeting falls on Tuesday January 2nd, so let's gather at our usual 7 ish at: The Pinewood Hotel (Best

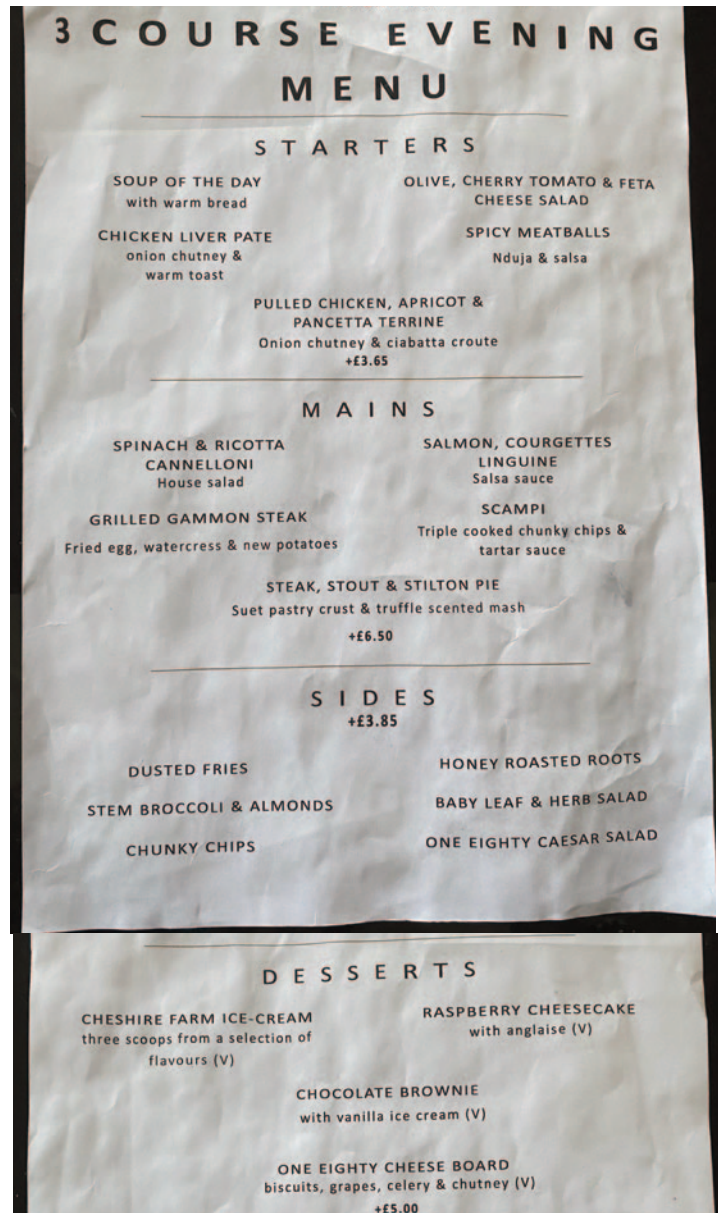


Western Plus) 180 Wilmslow Road, Handforth SK9 3LF and give it a try.

One important thing to remember, as you arrive in reception, there is a screen on a post where you must enter your registration number to avoid parking charges. There isn't an option for 'car meeting' and I can't remember what I selected but it was something like 'one day'

The manager said she will arrange the tables in the dining room to suit our needs but on this first night we will do that for ourselves as we think fit. I've included pictures of the menu - apologies for the quality!

I'm looking forward to meeting you in 2024 with all the festivities behind us.



3 COURSE EVENING MENU

STARTERS

SOUP OF THE DAY
with warm bread

OLIVE, CHERRY TOMATO & FETA
CHEESE SALAD

CHICKEN LIVER PATE
onion chutney &
warm toast

SPICY MEATBALLS
Nduja & salsa

PULLED CHICKEN, APRICOT &
PANCETTA TERRINE
Onion chutney & ciabatta croute
+£3.65

MAINS

SPINACH & RICOTTA
CANNELLONI
House salad

SALMON, COURGETTES
LINGUINE
Salsa sauce

GRILLED GAMMON STEAK
Fried egg, watercress & new potatoes

SCAMPI
Triple cooked chunky chips &
tartar sauce

STEAK, STOUT & STILTON PIE
Suet pastry crust & truffle scented mash
+£6.50

SIDES +£3.85

DUSTED FRIES

HONEY ROASTED ROOTS

STEM BROCCOLI & ALMONDS

BABY LEAF & HERB SALAD

CHUNKY CHIPS

ONE EIGHTY CAESAR SALAD

DESSERTS

CHESHIRE FARM ICE-CREAM
three scoops from a selection of
flavours (V)

RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE
with anglaise (V)

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE
with vanilla ice cream (V)

ONE EIGHTY CHEESE BOARD
biscuits, grapes, celery & chutney (V)
+£5.00

