


Wi-Fry Food Review





Establishment Details	
Name:	The Waterfront Brasserie
Address:	Marine Parade West
Map:	
Telephone Number	023-92554696
Email:	Don't think so.....
Website:	Apparently not
Style, e.g. Pub, Indian, American, etc	Brasserie (as the same suggests!), serving light lunchtime snack, wraps and hot meals. Full a la carte menu for the evenings. A mix of cuisine styles from good ol' fish & chips, to Chinese style stir-fries and American style wraps.
Is it family friendly?	Well, they didn't attack any of the families that were eating there. ;-)
What is disabled access like?	Ok, although it's a bit cramped for wheelchairs and the main door is rather on the heavy side.






Food	
What food did you have?	<p>Lunchtime visit: I had the day's special – crayfish tagliatelle with rocket. Mrs.Fitz had the fish pie. We shared a tiramisu for dessert.</p> <p>Evening visit: I had scallops to start, and the rib-eye steak as my main. Mrs.Fitz had the lamb steak.</p>
What did it taste like?	<p>Our lunchtime meal was very nice indeed. The pasta was al dente, the rocket was actually fresh and not cooked to a mush, and there was a decent amount of crayfish in the fresh cream sauce. Mrs.Fitz enjoyed her fish pie, which contained chunky pieces of salmon, generous helpings of prawns in a rich (although slightly under seasoned) white sauce and a proper mash topping. However, the dessert was obviously bought-in and a little disappointing.</p> <p>The evening meal was pretty good too. My scallops were imaginative, well cooked and very tasty. My steak was cooked as I ordered it – medium rare (which, unfortunately, doesn't happen at all restaurants) – and was a nice</p>






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	<p>piece of beef. However, it was absolutely swimming in garlic butter. In fact, I had to save it from drowning by propping it up on the veg!!! This made the whole thing rather oily and overwhelming. Shame.</p> <p>Mrs.Fitz's lamb, on the other hand, was very nice indeed. Cooked to a medium, it was tender and very sweet.</p> <p>Desserts were still bought-in, though.</p>
<p>How hot was it?</p>	<p>All the food was freshly prepared in the open kitchen, and served promptly, so there was no problem with the food being cold.</p> <p>It was quite interesting having that open kitchen, so that we could see our food being cooked. However, it did present a problem when the restaurant got more and more smokey as the evening wore on!!!!</p>
<p>What was the choice of menu like?</p>	<p>Good lunchtime menu, with all items priced at £6.95. All sorts ranging from wraps and burgers, through chillis and pastas, to mussels and fish & chips. The fish & chips looked particularly good, with a very generous portion of freshly cooked cod accompanied by chunky chips and peas.</p> <p>The evening menu looks somewhat more ambitious, with a mix of dishes ranging from a duck stir-fry with noodles, through risottos and pasta, to steaks and whole fish. Some of the dishes sound a little pretentious, but are borne out by the cooking.</p>
<p>Who are they in competition with and how do they fair against them?</p>	<p>I would guess they are competing with some of the better local pubs (like The Ship Inn and the Bun Penny) and some of the local restaurants (like the Italian and the Indians).</p> <p>The food is comparable, however, I wouldn't say it was outstanding or competes with the best restaurants in the wider area.</p>
<p>Was there a healthy option?</p>	<p>There were certainly some lighter options in the lunchtime menu, and salads etc.</p> <p>The evening menu was the usual glutton's delight, the only relief coming from a couple of salad options.</p>
<p>Overall Food Rating:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None </p>

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Service	
What was the mood of staff? E.g. <i>Happy, Sad?</i>	Depending on which waitress you get, you could encounter anything from Robotic Zombie with a Lobotomy to perky enthusiasm. A couple of them seemed to know what they were doing.
How fast/efficient was the service?	Initially good, although the service tended to slow down a bit when they got busier.
Did they offer waiter service?	Yes.
What was the atmosphere like?	Buzzing during the day. Relaxed and informal in the evening.
Overall Service Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

Value	
Did they have any special offers?	The lunchtime menu is good value, with all items priced at £6.95. Drinks and desserts might bump this price up, though.
Was there a wide range of options?	At lunchtime, yes. See above.
How much did it cost?	Lunch cost us about £25, including dessert and a couple of drinks. Dinner cost us £56, including wine.
Was this good value for money?	Lunchtime was good value, given the choice and the quality. Evening was not so good. Prices are definitely on the steep side, but do not reflect in the quality.
Overall Value Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weak (dinner)  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good (lunch)  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

Summary	
Name of Reviewer:	Roy Fitz
Date of Visit:	Feb/March 2007
What is your overall summary?	Good value lunchtime menus, with a

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	<p>nice selection and well presented food. Gets very busy, though, so you might have to wait at peak times.</p> <p>Evening menus are over-ambitious and over-priced. Nice view of the sunset, though.</p> <p>Strangely, they close between 3pm and 6pm, so you can't pop in there for an afternoon tea.</p>										
<p>Would you recommend to others?</p>	<p>For lunch – yes. For dinner – probably not.</p>										
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