

Area 33 Sunday Lunch – October, Wooden Fender, Ardleigh

Well, it was a bit of a run out to Ardleigh, Colchester for our Sunday Lunch in October. Unfortunately the route through Colchester itself is terrible, even on a Sunday, compounded by road works everywhere....repairing those pot holes I guess!

Robert had emailed us the day before about a classic car show and some early risers even managed to visit King Edwards Quay before lunch to view the show which was organised by the local Sea Scouts.

The Wooden Fender was not easy to find from the postcode and quite a few had trouble, but we had a great turnout of 18 hungry diners.

Early birds and parked up were James & Hazel as Linda & Eric pulled into the car park; Peter & Brenda brought friends Andrew & Gillian; followed by Tony & Sian; Tony & Anthea; David & Pauline; Roger & Jan plus Paul and a little later, Robert; a really nice crowd.



The Wooden Fender had already a table booked for 20 as we were seated at our long table having ordered drinks at the bar; and the restaurant continued to fill up to my

estimate of around 60+ diners; obviously a busy chef!

The menu was extensive with many dishes on the daily board; Devilled Kidneys, Garlic Mushrooms, Prawn Pil Pil were favourite starters and I will say the Kidneys were delicious.

Popular mains included Pork Belly, Roast Turkey, Roast Sirloin and Roast Lamb; however the Lamb was pretty poor so three free desserts were offered. Desserts for the hungry included Creme Brulee, Spotted Dick and an enormous Cheese board; so much in fact that Hazel was offered a doggy bag for later!

Overall a very nice pub lunch but a little too “puby” maybe. But we enjoyed it!

Nice company and pleasant food; see you next time!

Eric

