

GO DINING SUNDAY



Miles ahead at the Malin Hotel

This week our taste buds took us to the Donegal town of Malin. Having spent many a Sunday eating ice-cream and getting the head blew off us at Five Finger Strand, it was a welcome treat to escape the Easter weekend cold weather and head into the Malin Hotel for an impromptu bite to eat.

Myself, two friends and three children went into the Village Bar at the Hotel - where Jack Charlton, George Best, Ralph Fiennes and Anna Friel have also eaten (just thought I'd throw that in there), and were seated immediately even though it was quite busy.

The Village Bar is a cosy, welcoming country pub feel to it, what more

could we ask for on a cold Bank Holiday Monday?

The menu is pretty standard as pub menus go but that doesn't mean it's boring or you won't find something that takes your fancy. Starters range from soup of the day with wheaten bread or a crusty roll, chunky Malin chowder served with wheaten bread or breaded mushrooms served on a tossed Salad with a garlic dip. For the main course you could choose from the Malin Hotel cheese steak served with onions, mushrooms and garlic bread, a 10oz sirloin steak served with a creamy pepper sauce, the tandoori chicken wrap grilled with peppers and served with an onion salsa and the vegetarian choices were the vegetable fajita with peppers, mushrooms and onions in a tortilla served with sour cream or the mixed bean & vegetable curry in a light Rogan josh

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Considering how busy they were, we didn't have to wait long.

The children were served first with a generous portion for each, quickly followed by our own. I'm not usually one for burgers but they had me at 'home made' and I was so glad I ordered it.

The mushrooms and onions were a great accompaniment, but it was quite big so it had to be cut in half.

Which you don't mind doing because the psychology behind this is that you think you have "two" burgers on your plate now - and so, you have more to look forward to once you've eaten the first half - even if you're stuffed. And, you know you're eating good food when you make noises as you chew, I think I "mmed" the whole way through. The chips and garlics were lovely, but then chips and garlics are always lovely aren't they? The children enjoyed their meals and we all left quite satisfied with our lot.

It was the first time I had eaten in there and I'd go back again - if just for the home made burger. The Village Pub was warm, welcoming, had friendly staff and great wholesome food.

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