

Eating out at Novacon 36

This publication is a guide to restaurants in the Bentley, Willenhall and Walsall area (with a couple in Wolverhampton). Use the foot map for those in the Bentley area.

As you can see from your *Read Me!* the Quality Hotel is offering a varied convention menu in the Saddle Room Restaurant. However, if you fancy eating out you will find yourself spoilt for choice.

The list is by type/variety of food, those marked with an asterisk are recommended. Details are to the best of my knowledge and I admit to cribbing some of it from last year's guide, so apologies if things have changed. Check first before setting out.

Walsall is about a mile from the Hotel, Willenhall two miles and Wolverhampton four miles. Where known I have included the opening times and/or telephone numbers. I strongly advise calling in advance and booking a table *wherever* you decide to go - they are all going to be very busy! -- Tony Berry

Café

Greedy Pig Café, Wolverhampton Road.

Chinese

***Mayflower**, 109-111 Lichfield Street, Walsall. Good buffet, open Mon-Sat 6pm-11pm and Sunday 6pm-10pm, (01922-632612 / 622505).

Silver Sea, 48 Tameway Tower, Bridge Street, Walsall. Looks very stylish (01922-633566).

*** The Imperial Junction 9**. Wood Green Rd, Wednesbury. (0121-502-2218).

Xpress, 4B Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall, open Fri & Sat 5pm-11.30pm and Sun 6pm-11.30pm, (01902-602610).

English/Continental

*** Dale House**, Bilston Street, Willenhall, approx. £15 per head "British a-la-carte", building dates back to 1750 and reputedly has a ghost (01902-602902).

* **Ye Old TollHouse Restaurant**, 40 Walsall St., Willenhall. I recommend the table d'hôte Menu - excellent value for money. Their daily specials feature the most amazing range of fish dishes! (01902-605575). You really need to book at weekends.

Indian. Just walk round Walsall town centre!

Bilash, No 2 Cheapside, Wolverhampton. Getting rave reviews in the local press, but I've yet to try it. Tel: 01902 427762.

Bombay Blues, 32-34 Bridge Street, Walsall, serves "Indian & fusion cuisine", (01922-647758).

* **Cinnamon Court (Club)**, Bentley Mill Way. Although the food is highly recommended by the committee the service is a bit slow! Open Sun-Thurs 5.30pm-midnight and Fri & Sat 5.30pm-1am, (0121-568-6664).

* **Golden Moments**, 3 Ablewell Street, Walsall, amazing food, stunning *art deco* furnishings. Open Mon-Sat 6pm - midnight and Sunday 6pm-11.30pm, (01922-640363).

Jewel Balti Restaurant & Take-Away, Walsall Road, Willenhall (01902-605917), nice but basic Indian food.

* **Shimla Peppers**, Ablewell Street, Walsall, features a heated courtyard as well as a ground-floor wine bar and sensational food, (01922-640605).

Italian

Pizza Hut, Crown Wharf Retail Park, Wolverhampton St., Walsall.

Pucci's, Lyndon House Hotel, Upper Rushall St, Walsall. "the only fresh seafood restaurant in Walsall", (01922-612511)

* Sofias, the Guildhall, High Street, Walsall, beautiful building and tasty pasta and pizzas, (01922-632223).

Mexican

Mama Lizzy's, 58 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, (01902-427255).

Chiquito, Bentley Mill Way, opposite Cinnamon Court. Bar and grill. Cheaper menu at lunchtime. (0121-568-2400).

Pub Meals

Brewers Fayre/Brewsters Bentley Green Inn, featuring a Brewsters playroom, Bentley Road North, Walsall, (0870-197-7258).

The Red Lion, Wolverhampton Rd., towards Willenhall.

*Spanish

The Lydiate Restaurant, 26 Station Street, Walsall. (01922-643857).

Takeaway

Aroma Balti Indian Takeaway, 195 Wolverhampton Road - see foot map, where you can get a perfectly reasonable curry from around £5+, (01922-746786).

Burgerking, Park Street, Walsall, (01922-641109).

KFC, Ablewell Street, Walsall.

McDonalds, Wolverhampton/Walsall Road, Willenhall.

Thai

Made in Thai, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, (01902-312512).

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