

## The Foodie File

# The Mill House Hotel

Recently appointed head chef, Giles Lee, has extensive experience at the highest level and has worked under John Burton Race at L'Ortolan in Shinfield and at the French House in Sonning. He is ably supported by Simon Pavli, who has worked at several well-known hotels in the area.

### Fish From Brixham

Since his arrival Giles has re-vamped the menus and offers a three course à la carte dinner menu at £32 per head. Lunchtime diners are well served too with a two-course lunch on offer at the moment for just £10, plus a wide choice of light bites and bar menus.

Everything is cooked to order, so there is time to enjoy the lovely surroundings, be it in the dining room, the bar or the beautiful garden.

Supplies arrive daily from local companies and the fish comes up from



Giles Lee at work

Brixham. Everything, down to the bread rolls, is made on the premises. Giles is constantly changing the dishes on offer according to what is in season and carries out a major menu change every three months.

### A Special Restaurant

John Parsloe has owned the Mill for the past 12 years; and has put his personal stamp on it. He likes to provide excellent food with friendly,

personal service - just what he expects from any hotel he visits.

The hotel has 23 bedrooms and can serve up to 80 covers in the restaurant. It is licensed for weddings, so can offer a very competitive package for that special day. The AA have ranked the restaurant third in the county after Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons and the Feathers at Woodstock.

Do go along and don't forget to mention that you read about it here!

**Christine Halliday**

## You Must Try the Swan at Ascott

At last we have our pub back! Richard and his staff were kept extremely busy right through the Easter weekend. On Easter Saturday we were involved in a party of 21 villagers who all enjoyed a splendid meal. The restaurant was full and lots of people were eating in the bar. We have visited on several occasions since and have been really pleased to see so many villagers enjoying our 'new'

pub, as well as many people unknown to us.

Richard has to be congratulated on the refurbishment and his lovely staff who are so welcoming, as, of course, he is too. We all want to see The Swan go from strength to strength so if you haven't yet paid a visit give it a try, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

**Lyn Collins**