

# Welcoming pub with Mighty good food that's fit for a King

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THE Kings Arms is in an odd location, right on the corner of a four-way junction on a main road.

But when you step through the door, the roar of traffic dies away immediately.

It is a warm, welcoming pub with a nice mix of modern furniture and traditionally styled wooden beams and fireplaces.

We were greeted by a cheery member of staff who directed us to the comfortable leather sofas while we looked over the menu.

Only when our starters were ready were we directed through to a large dining area.

At first, we were the only ones there – it was early on a Monday night – but the room could easily fit 50.

Even seated by the window with no noise from the pub to contend with, you could forget you were on the edge of a main road.

For starters, I ordered flat mushroom covered with melted cheese and pieces of bacon.

It was delicious – a fantastic mix of flavours, set off nicely by a crunchy salad.

My friend opted for chicken goujons, which were a good size, covered in fresh batter and beautifully complimented by a tangy chilli sauce.

With the starters done, it was on to the main course – and that was something special.

I had the mixed grill, which was superb. A large plate was absolutely crammed with huge portions of steak, sausages, chicken, pork, lamb and gammon, not to mention generous helpings of chips and peas.

It was beautifully cooked, too, and my only gripe was not being asked how I would like my steak.

It came out as a very tasty medium, though if I had more extreme steak tastes one way or the other, it could have been an issue.

I loved the mixed grill, but I still felt



pangs of jealousy at the sight of my companion's main dish. He went for the Arizona steak, a stunning sirloin stuffed with melted cheese and wrapped in bacon.

The giant portions finished us off and we could not even consider dessert, but

there was a good range on the menu, from chocolate fudge cake to fruit pie.

The Kings Arms is at the upper end of the pub food price scale. It is pricey, but in this case you get what you pay for, and the service was impeccable.

## Taste Test

Flat mushroom with Stilton and bacon filling – £5.25

Chicken goujons – £5.45

Kings Arms Mighty Mixed Grill – £19.95

Kings Arms Arizona Steak – £19.95

Verdict: ★★★★★★

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