



NEWCASTLE IS A CITY WITH NO SHORTAGE OF FABULOUS RESTAURANTS SO IS THE BUZZ ABOUT THE LATEST OPENING PEACE AND LOAF DESERVED? **DEBORAH JOHNSON** HEADS FOR SOME FABULOUS FINE DINING TO FIND OUT...



# Peace be with you

**P**EACE and Loaf is fast becoming the jewel in the city's culinary crown and a must-visit for diners in Newcastle, the wider North East, and far beyond.

The restaurant, in the city's upmarket Jesmond, is the brainchild of Masterchef finalist Dave Coulson. Offering his own unique interpretation of 'traditional pub grub' and fine cuisine, Coulson has created

something very special in Peace and Loaf. Stuck for a topic of conversation? The food alone will provide the talking point. Cheesy beans on toast as a canape was talked about by pretty much everyone in the restaurant that night. Novel, adventurous, and above all delicious.

And even better was to follow. The main course and particularly the pudding were utterly spectacular. The obvious choice on the menu was Coulson's staple Masterchef Chicken Pie, as viewers of the cult show will remember fondly from their TV screens. The

creativity that goes into such a creation is quite a sight to behold. Coulson dishes up little tasters of chicken in almost every possible way - from deep fried to stuffing mix - with a little portion of pastry thrown in for good measure. Almost as far removed from a pie as you can get, but that is quite the contrary of a complaint.

After a delightful main, my personal highlight of the evening was pudding. Rice pudding has never tasted so good, and a trip to Peace and Loaf for that reason alone is very highly recommended. The most wonderful texture and flavours combine to create something really quite exquisite. Far from reinventing a classic dish, Coulson has stayed by and large true to the traditional recipe - but the result is utter perfection.

After my original reluctance to get excited over yet another restaurant opening, I can confirm that Peace and Loaf is a class apart from the vast majority of its rivals. Few times can you ever say, in all honesty: 'Yes, really DO believe the hype.' But with this utter gem of a venue, it's entirely true.



## TASTING NOTES

### Peace & Loaf

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