Finer at The Diner

Delicious food, and plenty of it, is the recipe for The Diner, at Bentwaters Parks. Whether you are a worker, a mum, or just a lover of tasty dishes, this award-winning cafe has it all. We asked owners Myles and Ally about the secret of their success.

QUESTION: HOW DOES A LOCAL DINER COME TO WIN AN AWARD?
Answer: Although The Diner is on the Bentwaters Industrial Estate, people may not realise we are open to the public. We recently won the Best Local Cafe Award from the Suffolk Cyclists Touring Club, whose members use us as a stop-off point on their cycling routes.

Q: WHAT MIX OF DINERS DO YOU CATER FOR?
A: We attract all sorts of customers, not just workers. We encourage everyone to come along to try our varied menu. We are only a short walk from the Rendlesham estate.

Q: WHAT SORT OF FOOD DO YOU SERVE?
A: As well as the traditional cafe food such as all-day breakfasts, fried favourites, jacket potatoes, sandwiches and baguettes, we also pride ourselves on our specials board. Every day we have a home-made soup option, and in the summer we have a home-made pate and a salad of the day.

Q: DO YOU WELCOME FAMILIES AND VEGETARIANS?
A: Yes, there is always a home-made vegetarian special. We serve small portions of all our dishes for children. We have high chairs available and pleasant outside seating with a large grassy area.

Q: WHAT IS THE SECRET OF KEEPING SO MANY LOYAL CUSTOMERS?
A: Our regular customers know they will always receive delicious, generous portions and appreciate the fact our food is all home-made. None of our dishes are more than £5.95 and our fresh filter coffee is only £1. Our regulars are well-catered for in their busy lunchtimes. We offer a pre-ordering service as well.

Q: CAN YOU CATER FOR FUNCTIONS AND LARGE PARTIES?
A: Yes, we provide buffets, sandwich platters and hot take-away meals for the many interesting businesses on the industrial estate. We also regularly cater for film and TV crews that use the base; our most exciting being for the crew of Fast and Furious 6! The Diner is also available to hire for private events in the evenings and at weekends.

FACT FILE
ADDRESS: Bentwaters Parks, Rendlesham
OPENING HOURS: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 2pm
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SOME POPULAR CHOICES

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