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FANCY A **SUMMER SOJOURN** WITHOUT SPENDING HOURS ON THE MOTORWAY? OUR MAJ AT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HOTELS AND VENUES, **JONTJË CUNLIFFE LISTER**, VISITS TWO **NORTHERN STARS** WHICH PROVIDE THE PERFECT CLASSY GETAWAY...

The West Park, Harrogate



Dinner at West Park was exquisite – with all of the best locally sourced produce from Yorkshire suppliers. We enjoyed Seared Scallops with black pudding to start, followed by a Prime Grand Reserve Chateaubriand – cooked to perfection and served with a Roasted Plum Tomato, Proper Chips, Onion Rings, Rocket &

Parmesan Salad accompanied by both a Peppercorn and a Béarnaise sauce. You would have thought that there would be little room for a pud – but who could possibly resist the ‘Pudding Plate to Share’? Utter heaven on a plate! Sticky Toffee Pudding, Crème Brûlée, Chocolate Gateau, Baileys & White chocolate mousse, Ice Cream and popping candy... Wow! With a dinner like that I can guarantee that we will be going back very soon.

Breakfast was equally good with an impressive wide selection of offerings. My husband opted for Salt Beef with Homemade Hash Browns with onions, Worcester sauce & fried egg and I chose to return to my childhood and enjoyed Two soft boiled ‘Dippy’ Eggs with white toasted soldiers.

The service and hospitality that we experienced throughout – from the receptionist, to the bar staff and the waiters was top notch. But then we are in Yorkshire... and we’re renowned for being a friendly bunch!

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No wonder Harrogate is one of the ‘happiest places to live’. Who can resist a meander through the picturesque Valley Gardens or a shopping bonanza in the town’s fashionable boutiques? And a visit to the Turkish Baths is a must!

Our recent visit took us to The West Park Hotel, Brasserie and Bar overlooking the beautiful Harrogate Stray, an open area of 200 acres of parkland right in the centre of this historic spa town, this contemporary boutique hotel has been transformed from the original Victorian coach house into 25 spacious and luxurious bedrooms and suites.

Our double room was spotlessly clean with a super king size bed with crisp white Egyptian cotton bed linen. The bathroom had underfloor heating, monsoon shower and a bath tub complete with a rubber duck! Added luxuries of L’Occitane products, a Nespresso machine and delicious little gingerbread men show that the owners, Provenance Inns, have gone the extra mile to ensure you have a relaxing stay.



The West Park is dog friendly and whilst we don’t have our own four-footer – it created a delightful homely atmosphere to see two golden retrievers relaxing with their owners in the bar.

The West Park offers the perfect spot for some people watching and as we sat out enjoying a bottle of Pinot Grigio we spotted well-heeled ladies and gents popping in and out of the designer boutiques that are situated along West Park including Lynx, Georgie’s and Whites. A group of young car enthusiasts gathered later in the evening with their classic cars parked outside to admire whilst they all enjoyed a soft drink before heading off in convoy.