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## Restaurant review - The Mulberry Tree, Chorley



Mulberry Tree, Wood Lane, Wrightington

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Chris Maguire decided that the only thing to do when it's raining is to eat

The recent wet weather has made planning days out for the family almost impossible.

With the forecasters predicting more of the wet stuff last Sunday I grabbed the bull by the proverbial horns and told Mrs M we were going out to a restaurant.

"Why don't we go out to The Mulberry Tree in Wrightington?" she said.

"You know the one. It was on the route of the 11-mile Rainbow Rainbow we completed in April."

Suddenly the flashbacks started. We took part in sponsored walk for Legacy Rainbow House two months ago and Wrightington was one of several Chorley villages that we walked through.

Two hours later we were parked outside the ivy-covered restaurant as the windscreen wipers worked overtime.

The first thing to say was The Mulberry Tree wasn't what I expected as I walked through the front door.

Art deco was the first thought that came to mind.

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There were some high stools at the bar and it was the sort of place you could imagine people enjoying a glass of wine at the end of the working week.

It had a real contemporary feel and Mrs M was immediately at home.

She likes 'posh nosh' while I'm a fully paid up member of the 'cheap and cheerful' pub grub club.

However The Mulberry Tree kept us both happy by offering two courses for £12.95 or three courses for £15.45.

You have to request it on ordering and there may be a supplementary charge on certain dishes but it means that quality food is affordable.

For example my wife ordered the smoked haddock risotto (£6.50) and Aberdeen Angus beef brisket (£16.95) but was 'only' charged £12.95.

Equally I opted for the duck pancake (£6.95) and steak burger made with prime rump steak (£13.50) and got the two-course offer.

My daughters opted for the two-course children's deals for £7 each.

The only strange thing about the venue was the flat screen TV that was on.

It was showing a fashion show and the sight of the scantily clad, stick thin models strutting their stuff made me feel guilty enough not to have a dessert!

The food itself was brilliant. My duck pancake put the ones you get from a Chinese takeaway to shame.

Mr's M risotto was so nice she stopped talking about the weather for 10 minutes.

Surely the main meals couldn't be as good?

If anything, they were better.

My steak burger didn't come with a roll but that's the price you pay for going up market and I wasn't complaining.

The whisky and peppercorn steak was delicious and the chunky chips were like my mum used to make.

My wife's Aberdeen Angus beef brisket, served with bubble and squeak, was even nicer. I know this because I insisted on having a bit.

The children polished off their penne pasta and the whole meal cost us £53.57 - which included a 10 per cent service charge.

All the food was fresh and the venue also offer a takeaway service.

The venue has capacity for around 100 people and they have a section at the back that they use as a function room.

Factfile -

name: The Mulberry Tree

Address: Wrightington Bar, near Chorley

Tel: 01257 451400

website: www.themulberrytrees.info

disabled access: Small ramp at the front but no designated disabled toilet

RATING: 10/10

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Wind Speed: 13 mph

Wind direction: South west

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Temperature: 9 C to 16 C

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