



WHITES @ THE CLOCKHOUSE

WHERE IT REALLY IS ALL HOMEMADE

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When Sarah and Chris Whitehead launched Whites restaurant, winebar and coffee shop in the heart of Tenbury Wells in October 2006, it was the realization of a long awaited dream. With a sound background at Waitrose, their training and Sarah's catering qualifications stood them in good stead for the hard work, quest for quality and flair for good food that would be required to make Whites the success it has become. If Tenbury is a little jaunt for you from the heart of the Wye Valley, we can assure you that Whites is worth the trip.

Having turned the original Clockhouse into the contemporary, versatile eatery that it is today Whites is easily recognised at its roadside location as you drive through Tenbury town. As we walked into the fresh surroundings of the bar on the ground floor, Matt and I were seated in comfy chocolate leather sofas and chairs to enjoy the conservatory ambience, where the music ranged from Queen to Jack Johnson. We happily settled with appetitifs, hors d'oeuvres and the menu, watching a steady stream of varied diners stroll in to be greeted like old friends.

This will be a very popular space as the summer days approach, with a

streetside terrace and continental style canopies, tables and chairs, where even if you are not dining, you can spend the evening in the bar with some tapas style snacks, or just enjoy coffee and cake.

Chris and Sarah were off to their Salsa class this evening, so we were in the warm care of Bev, front of house and her attentive and well dressed team. The feature spiral staircase leads up to the leather seated restaurant, with tables dressed with crisp white linen and buffed cutlery. Sarah and Chris had always had a Chef in mind and adventurous Jonathan Waters, formerly of the Roebuck at Brimfield, has been instrumental in helping Whites to recently achieve

