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The Bridge House Hotel

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This hotel, opposite the stunning National Trust grounds of Gatton Park in the Surrey Hills, is a perfect venue for a meal, whether for two or 200 people. It also has a little secret: fantastic, authentic Indian food that will transport you swiftly from the English countryside to the vibrant streets of Mumbai.

We cannot recommend the Indian food served here enough. It is full of flavour and the chefs don't hold back when it comes to spice. The chilli and garlic prawns arrived piping hot and temptingly aromatic. Steeped in chilli oil, tamarind, garlic and pepper, they sizzled, exciting the palate and pleasing the eye with their colourful and vibrant presentation. The vegetable samosas were also superb: crisp and hot.

There is an excellent selection of Indian dishes, but, the hotel owners, being aware that Indian cuisine isn't necessarily to everyone's taste, have introduced a healthy selection of European dishes, too. We sampled pork and apple skewers with mustard sauce and fluffy white basmati rice and a simple beef tomato and mozzarella salad, as a main course. Desserts too are impressive, the New York cheesecake in particular.

It's not just about the food though – the staff are friendly and welcoming; the restaurant boasts fantastic views over the parkland opposite; and you can even watch the dramatic sight of planes ascending from Gatwick for exotic climes. Being a stone's throw from Gatton Park, The Bridge House Hotel is also a popular stop-over for those trekking leisurely through the Surrey Hills. The hotel has a great range of entertainment on certain nights – if you're lucky you might catch the in-house band as you dine. Of course, there is plenty of parking for your convenience.

Not necessarily the first place you might look for a high-quality Indian meal, The Bridge House Hotel impresses nonetheless. You'll find beautiful Asian flavours in perfectly cooked and simply presented dishes. The Bridge House Hotel has managed to bring a little bit of real India to the Surrey Hills.

