

Personal recommendations by Chris Bass

Tewkesbury Park

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From its hill-top location this hotel has panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and Tewkesbury with its abbey. It has been restored by and is now run by the McIntosh family who enjoyed staying there and bought it when the group that previously owned it fell into financial difficulties. A hotel being run by a family who like it has got to be a good thing.

A lot of money has been spent on refitting and decorating the hotel and the suite we stayed in was very comfortable and well appointed. The same standards are carried through to the restaurant, where the food was outstanding. There is an extensive wine list but even the house wines are first-class and the champagne, offered by the glass, was also excellent. The staff were well informed and well motivated.

Apart from these attractions, this hotel is particularly good for those of a sporting inclination. It is surrounded by its own 18-hole par 73 golf course and has squash and tennis courts, an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and gym. What better reason for taking your Mercedes on a pleasant drive through the Gloucestershire countryside?

Until May 1 2018 Mercedes-Benz Club Members can enjoy two nights' dinner, accommodation and breakfast in a 'Touch of Class' room at Tewkesbury Park, with a round of golf on each day

Tewkesbury Park – a stunning hill-top location.



plus a back, neck and shoulders massage, for £215 per person, based on two people sharing. Suites are available from £275 per person. This offer is subject to availability

and cannot be taken over public holidays or during the Cheltenham Race Festival. There is no single availability. Please quote MERCEDES2017 when booking.



Café Class – authentic Italian cuisine.

Café Class

14 The Broadway, Woking GU21 5AP
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Woking is not the most pre-possessing of Surrey towns, and its town centre is probably not its best feature. But hidden away in a rather run-down street, conveniently opposite the railway station, is this delicatessen, café and restaurant that offers the very best in authentic Italian cuisine. It's star turn is dinner. There is no menu – the friendly and well-informed staff bring you a seemingly never-ending stream of antipasti. Just when you think you are going to burst they announce the pasta course. That is followed by the meat course – usually a variety of different dishes, and then there is a delightful selection of home-made sweets.

This might not be as surprising as it sounds as Woking has had a significant Italian population since the early 1950s – when many families came over to work at the market gardens then occupying the land that is now home to McLaren. Driving and parking in Woking is not enjoyable, even in a Mercedes, so it might be best to go to Café Class by train – then you will also be able to enjoy its comprehensive selection of Italian beers and wines.

