## A pie and a pint. What could be better?

There are certain institutions you can't mess with: the great British pub, the great British pint and the great British pie. The Black Bull in Margaretting provides its customers with all three.

Desserts are all made by Mary Ann and taste as good

Greene King tenant, Julie Bennett has been dispensing pies, pints and a lot else besides in the pub for 26 years.

Julie says, 'When I first came to the pub I thought I'd give it a try for 2–3 years to see if I liked it... and somehow I just stayed! I think over the years we've come up with the right recipe for a successful pub – it starts with a great team.

'It's very important to us for The Black Bull to be a community pub. I live very close by and love being a part of village life. There is always a warm welcome for the locals who pop in for a drink and we have thriving darts, crib and dominos teams.

Those visiting for lunch or dinner have a great variety of home cooked food to choose from. Head chef Mary Ann Kenna has been cooking at the pub for 15 years and she describes her style of cooking as pub classics with a modern twist. The menu could include confit of duck with a red wine and thyme sauce, a curried coconut lamb shank, or leek, asparagus and smoked cheese risotto cake with a roasted tomato sauce, plus, of course, staples such as fresh fish from a local fishmonger and the aforementioned pies.

meringue roulade, spotted dick and custard, lemon tart...that's if you have room left!

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delicious, it's exceptional value too. A two-course meal is on offer every weekday for £10.95, on Wednesday's it's Pie and a Pint (or glass of wine) for £11.95, on Fridays Fish and Fizz is on the menu and Sunday Lunch is an all year round favourite.

Booking at the Black Bull is definitely advisable.

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