

George Inn, Oakham
10th July 2026

Hot food, hotter diners and fans at the ready

For the second year running, the Friday Lunch Group returned to The George Inn, Oakham, and apparently ordered the same weather too. With temperatures soaring, sun hats were deployed, parasols claimed and battery-operated fans worn like this season's must-have jewellery.

We settled across three tables in the attractive courtyard, although several of us cast envious glances towards the considerably cooler and rather empty restaurant inside.

The menu received mixed reviews. Some felt the choice was a little limited and prices on the high side, while others thoroughly enjoyed their meals. Steak and Stilton salad proved popular, although one piece of beef apparently required "another set of teeth". The Caesar salad earned an impressive 10/10, the duck was beautifully cooked, and emergency chocolate ice cream was consumed purely to prevent heat-induced fading away. A sacrifice had to be made.

Service was pleasant, attentive and noticeably improved from our previous visit. The courtyard provided a lovely setting, although three separate tables made our usual free-flowing conversation and mingling more difficult.

So, will The George make the coveted re-visit list? The jury remains out. Food ranged from average to excellent depending on the plate, but there was complete agreement on one thing: the company was excellent, the laughter plentiful and somehow we survived another scorching Friday lunch.

Perhaps next time we'll book somewhere with industrial-strength air conditioning.

