

Arrivederci Bologna! Ciao Vecchia Bologna!

A favourite restaurant is on the move...

It's time to say goodbye to the Bologna Restaurant in Henderson Street, and hello to the Vecchia Bologna in Mine Road.

Customers will miss the window onto busy Henderson Street, where they could look out on the world while enjoying the excellent food and wine served by the caring and attentive staff.

The new location (at what was previously Chambo's, in Mine Road) offers a more restful dining experience with the beautiful backdrop of Mine Woods.

Claudio, Jan and Marco open their new restaurant there on March 9th. Renovation will be complete soon, and the new dining area and bar already look sparkingly fresh.



All the existing staff will be moving too, along with their popular menu of Italian and other traditional dishes, including venison, lamb, duck and pork. And new items will appear on the menu, with the emphasis on fish.

A particular favourite from the existing menu are the "cartoccio" seafood dishes, prepared, as the name suggests, in a paper bag to seal in the flavour.

"The new restaurant will be in a quieter position, away from the main road traffic," says Claudio, "and the much larger car park will be greatly appreciated. It is of course in a magnificent setting and part of the history of the Victorian age".

Jan and family will be front of the house, with Claudio being behind the scenes, overseeing the kitchen.

The new improved wine list will carry a wider selection, with more wines from the New World.

A decking area will be provided on the lawn from April to October, for those summer days when we can enjoy a meal and drink outside. A temporary shelter, for those windy days, is being planned.

"We'll be open 7 days a week, from 12 noon, serving light lunches, with coffees, teas and cakes being served all afternoon," says Claudio. "Dinner on weekdays will be served from 6pm till late."

Sundays of course will be special - a traditional roast lunch served from 12 noon onwards, with teas, coffees and cakes continuing throughout the afternoon.

Exciting times ahead then at the Vecchia Bologna. We just can't wait to try that Spaghetti al Cartoccio again....

The Vecchia Bologna can be contacted on 01786 833617.

Tagliatelle with King Scallops
egg noodle pasta with fresh king scallops

Risotto alla Verdure
risotto with peppers, aubergines, courgettes, beans and mushrooms (v)

Penne, Baco and Four Cheeses
penne pasta with bacon and four cheeses in a creamy sauce

Tagliatelle with Basil and King Prawns
egg noodle pasta with fresh basil and king prawns

Spaghetti alla Bolognese
Claudio's original Bolognese recipe from Bologna

Tortelloni ai funghi
egg pasta in a sauce of wild porcini mushrooms, cream and parsley(v)

Just the briefest selection from Claudio's menu. Plenty for vegetarians to choose from too!