

Quality food in riverside location at the Paper Mill

The Paper Mill is ideally situated in the valley of the River Esk just outside Edinburgh. It actually overlooks the river in the conservation village of Lasswade and is an all-day bar and restaurant.

It is actually situated in a historic former paper mill, hence the name.

We were prompted to go by friends who have been there several times and not been disappointed. The webpage said chefs use fresh, local produce to compile the extensive menu. It also boasts a range of craft beers and lagers from Scottish brewers along with an interesting wine list.

For those who love cocktails, they have them as well.

Food choices included vegetarian, vegan and gluten free and they also offer afternoon tea with fresh scones and sweet treats with sandwiches, quality tea or special coffee. Cost? £22.

We popped in for lunch with the family. We were not alone in bringing the kids, but it was not noisy.

My pick was a John Gilmour steak burger (£16). Could not find out why it was called after John Gilmour, whoever he is, I did

ask, but it tasted great with tomato relish, special sauce and gherkin.

Others enjoyed grilled chicken burger with creamy avocado, pickled slaw, sriracha mayo and iceberg lettuce. Gluten free rolls are available.

The kids tucked into chicken goujons, skinny fries and garden peas (£6.50). No complaints there. Everybody was happy and we will be back, hopefully when we can sit outside on the extensive terrace overlooking the river.

The Paper Mill, 2-4 Westmill Road, Lasswade EH18 1LX t: 0131 663 1412: opening hours: Monday to Sunday: 9am to late.