



There are the usual suspects of course; Starbucks, Costa and Weatherspoons but here are the local independents:

Bicicletta (5 miles) Saffron Walden. Coffee shop for cyclists (and others) with light bites and good coffee during the day. **£** https://www.biciclettavelo.com/ Tel: 01799 522 814

Café Coucou (5 miles) Saffron Walden. Corner café famous for its huge scrummy scones. Open until 5, closed Sundays. **£** http://www.cafecoucou.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 513 863

Gluttons (5 miles) Saffron Walden. On the first floor in Kings Street in the centre of town, offering lunches and snacks. **£-££** https://www.facebook.com/gluttonssw/ Tel: 01799 522 220

Elder Street Café (3 miles) Debden - Within the confines of an antique & garden curios Essex barn lies this popular lunchtime eatery and deli. **£-££** https://www.elderstreetcafedeli.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 543 598

Bonne Fire Box Café (2 miles) Wimbish - Soughdough pizzas and light lunches/sandwiches, closed Sundays and Mondays. **£-££** https://www.facebook.com/Bonnefirebox/ Tel: 01799 521 161

The Kings Arms (5 miles) Saffron Walden - just off the Market Place, a traditional ale pub with limited but good pub fayre. Live music most Friday and Saturday nights. $\bf £$

The Old English Gentleman (5 miles) Saffron Walden - On Gold Street, a local pub with food and lively atmosphere. $\bf £$





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Here are some of the places to eat and drink around us.

Ananta Thai Food Pub (7.5 miles), Wicken Bonhunt. Housed in the Coach & Horses pub in the village but also doing take-aways, we have Sergio (Spanish) & his wife, Ananta (Thai) producing all the traditional favourites from Thailand plus some specials. There is a food van at weekends if restaurant is full. Tapas on first Sunday of the month. Open Tues to Sat. **££** http://www.anantathaifood.com/ Tel: 01799 543 519

Fleur di Lys (6 miles), Widdington. Our favourite local; good pub grub with seasonal specials and game. Chris and Ellie are great hosts. Local ales. Manages to keep a traditional country pub vibe whilst still producing good food. Great Sunday lunch and speicals board. Must book. **££** https://thefleurdelys.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 543 280

The Gate (5 miles) Saffron Walden. A former pub, now an Italian run by a young charming Romanian family - great value & hearty Italian fayre. Essential to book. **£** https://www.thegate-saffronwalden.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 522 321

The Eight Bells (5 miles) Saffron Walden. Recently changed hands. Offering modern British pub food served in a fabulous tythe barn. **££** https://www.theeightbellssaffronwalden.com/ Tel: 01799 522 790

The Cross Keys (5 miles) Saffron Walden. Magnificent old building which has been refurbished. Food: modern British - somewhat hit and miss though. **££** https://theoldcrosskeys.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 522 207

The Three Hills (7.6 miles) Bartlow. Local pub turned gastro - good interesting food, wine and ales. **££** https://www.thethreehills.co.uk/ Tel: 01223 890 500





The Red Cow (12.3 miles), Chrishall. Similar to the Fleur at Widdington (in fact they have their former chef) - British pub classics cooked well, served with good ales and wine in a pub atmosphere. **££** http://www.theredcow.com/ Tel: 01763 838 792

Yuva (3.9miles), Debden. A former village pub turned into an Indian restaurant with Nepalese twist. Some interesting dishes - an alternative to the usual. **££**

http://www.yuvadebden.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 543 244

The Star (4 miles) Thaxted. A gastro pub serving modern British food. **££** https://www.thaxtedstar.com/ Tel: 01371 238 118

Indian Villa (4 miles) Thaxted. Traditional Indian Tandori. **£** https://www.indiavilla.co.uk/ Tel: 01371 831 205

The Plough (2.7 miles) Radwinter. Former 16th century village pub, turned into American style diner serving steaks, ribs, cocktails etc - young and trendy **£££**

http://www.theploughradwinter.co.uk/ Tel: 01799 599 224

The Bluebell Inn (5 miles) Hempstead. Village pub run by our local micro brewery. Pub grub - a little hit and miss. A young Dick Turpin lived here. **££**

https://www.facebook.com/TheBluebell1nn/ Tel: 01799 599 199





The Crown & Thistle (9 miles), Great Chesterford. Village pub with a Thai restaurant at the back - good food and atmosphere. **££** https://www.thecrownandthistle.pub/ Tel: 01799 530 278

Jade Garden (5 miles), Saffron Walden. Just up from the Market Place - traditional Chinese restaurant, no surprises, but clean and good. **££** https://www.facebook.com/markethillsaffronwalden/
Tel: 01799 599 808

The Green Man (8.7 miles) Lindsell. A gastro pub serving modern British food, done well. **££** https://greenmanlindsell.co.uk/ Tel: 01371 238 118

Square 1 (11.1 miles) Great Dunmow. Modern British food, done well. 2020 Masterchef The Professionals winner, Alex Webb, is head chef here, bookings have subsequently gone crazy since his win, so book well in advance. News has it that a special tasting menu featuring Alex's Masterchef dishes is availabe. **£££** https://www.square1restaurant.co.uk/home.htm Tel: 01371 859 922

The Flitch of Bacon (14.5 miles) Little Dunmow. Essex's only Michelin starred restaurant run by chef Tim Allen. **££££** https://www.flitchofbacon.co.uk/ Tel: 01371 821 660

Midsummer House (20 miles) Cambridge. Daniel Clifford's two Michelin starred restaurant on the bank of the River Cam (Clifford is the owner of the above Flitch). **EEEEE** (cheaper at lunch) https://www.midsummerhouse.co.uk Tel: 01223 369299