

Going out

Restaurant reviews

Firenze, Jesmond

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Located just off Osborne Road atop Mr Q's, Firenze is truly a hidden gem.

Rising from the ashes of the less than successful Metzto, Firenze is a class above the average Italian eatery in Jesmond.

From its fresh and romantic décor to the intimacy of the dining room itself, Firenze is a winner for everything from first dates to family meals.

The starters are presented with an original touch, such as the foccacia bread served on individual bread boards with olive oil and balsamic glaze.

As for entrees, the Florentine-style pot-roasted beef was cooked to perfection, and served with a delicious combination of creamed potatoes and olives.

The pan-fried salmon and king prawns were also very good, and the side salads were both fresh and delectable.

The presentation of every course was particularly impressive, which



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added to the feeling that Firenze was more than the average Italian.

The ambience was both warm and pleasant, with a lively atmosphere throughout the evening, complemented by good music and good service from the waiting staff.

The desserts were the highlight of the evening – the vanilla cheesecake was sublime. The tiramisu was also delightful, served in a cup and saucer for an individual touch.

As for pricing, Firenze caters to both the professional and student markets alike, with pizzas and pas-

tas from £5.50 and grill orders from £11.95.

They also do Happy Hour twice daily Monday – Saturday and a Sunday lunch menu every Sunday, with two courses for £12.95.

All in all Firenze is a lovely dining experience, which is both friendly and affordable without losing the touch of class that so many restaurants compromise.

I would definitely recommend it for a lovely meal out.