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STAR STUDDED CLOCKTOWER PARTY LAUNCHES NEW RESTAURANT

The new Clocktower features a cosmopolitan fusion of interior design inspirations from all over the world with a revamped locally sourced menu.

Rudding Park's Clocktower restaurant was officially opened on Friday evening (April 28) with a party to celebrate its stunning £1 million transformation. The guests included Full Monty star Hugo Spear, Emmerdale actors Deena Payne, Mark Charnock and Patrick Mower - Viv Winsor, Marlon Dingle and Rodney Blackstock - and the Mayor of Harrogate, Caroline Bayliss.

Visitors to Clocktower will be amazed as every part of the restaurant has been dramatically changed; from the reception with its central fireplace to the magnificent Conservatory with a 400 year old olive tree, from Tarragona, Barcelona. A hand-made pink crystal chandelier from Nice is the striking centrepiece to the dining room which features American black walnut, a glass wine wall, Moroccan wall lights and hand painted Brazilian wallpaper.

Director of Rudding Park, Simon Mackaness said, "The party was a great way to celebrate all the hard work that has gone into transforming Clocktower into one of Harrogate's best restaurants. It was fully booked throughout the bank holiday weekend and is already proving popular with people wanting a fun and relaxed meal in beautiful surroundings."

Award winning head chef Stephanie Moon has designed a new menu around locally-sourced ingredients which includes grain mustard crusted rack of Nidderdale lamb, poached Whitby smoked haddock, seared pigeon breast with wild mushroom risotto and house speciality - Clocktower Burger, made from Cattleside Farm organic beef, Wensleydale cheese and bacon, caramelised onion in a homemade Yorkshire milled flour bread bun.

Clocktower's refurbishment has created a relaxed and fun environment in which guests can sit at the new 27 foot limestone bar to enjoy a drink and a selection of Yorkshire Tapas. Guests at Clocktower will find the lively and relaxed atmosphere the perfect venue for a celebration with friends and family in the private dining room, an intimate meal in the main restaurant or a casual mid-week dinner. Set in mature gardens, the famous al fresco seating area has been expanded and overlooks the colourful rhododendron gardens.

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