

Dine out in style for less with new club

Join an exclusive dining club and make huge savings on your restaurant bills

AS THE recession continues, restaurants are fighting back with all manner of ingenious ways of attracting customers.

But the rise of dining clubs has been one factor that has helped to keep tables full when many are pulling in their belts.

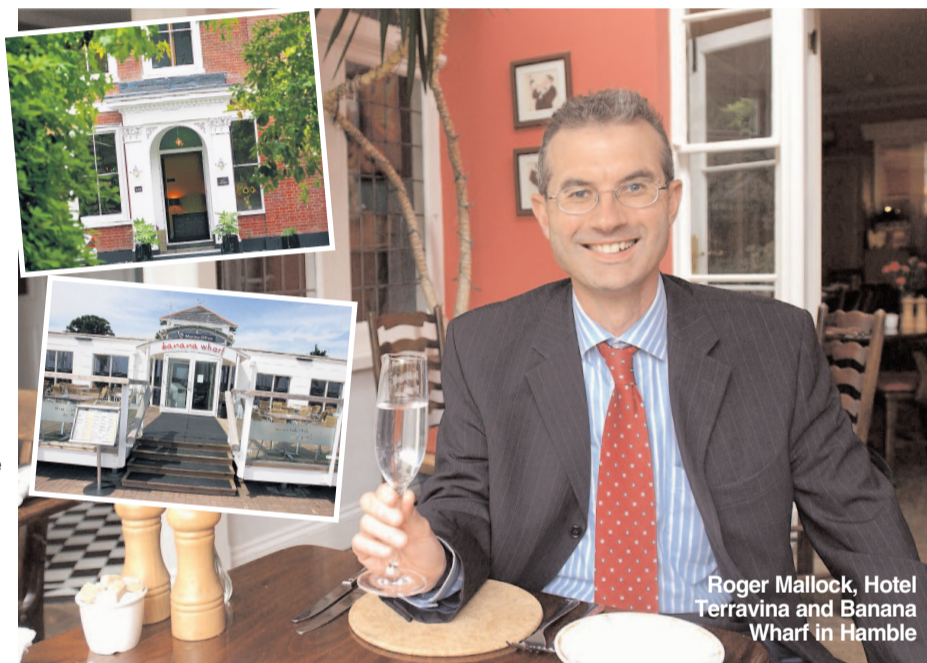
One such success story is the Restaurant Members Club, launched by local businessman Roger Mallock.

RMC (Restaurant Members Club) has some 124 restaurants on its books, offering members a range of incentives including two for one dining, 15-20 per cent reductions, special dining packages and free use of private rooms and facilities.

The club was launched in April of this year and has seen rapid growth and interest from members who pay a flat £50 fee to take advantage of all of the offers.

"It's been a great success and we have more restaurants showing interest in joining as word spreads," said Roger.

"The club offers the perfect business and private tool for dining out and entertaining in some of the top restaurants and hotels in the south. Champneys resorts across the country are represented as are top venues in the New



Roger Mallock, Hotel Terravina and Banana Wharf in Hamble

Forest. The plan is eventually to extend the club to London and elsewhere."

Club members receive a membership card which they present to the restaurant of their choice when they dine. Offers can be sourced using the club's website – restaurantmembersclub.com – and advance booking must be made to qualify for offers and discounts.

Restaurants featured in the club include Hotel Terravina, Carey's Manor, Banana Wharf at Hamble and Ocean Village, Dockgate 4, Ennios, and Chewton Glen Hotel.

More details on how to join can be found at the club's website – restaurantmembersclub.com



Join Lesley at Bite The Lighthouse

CELEBRITY chef Lesley Waters will be at Poole's Lighthouse on Sunday to open Bite The Lighthouse, an all-day programme of food, films, music and fun.

Lesley, who lives in Dorset and is a passionate supporter of local food, will open a producer and farmers' market at the Lighthouse, before hosting demonstrations in a cookery theatre in the concert hall.

Organised by Screen Bites and in conjunction with the Lighthouse, the festival celebrates the fifth anniversary of Screen Bites, the UK's only festival linking food and film. Lesley will prepare three dishes, using local ingredients, many of them from producers in the farmers' market, which will be on the ground and first floor of the arts centre, from 11am-3pm.

Chefs including Ese Kousin, of Bournemouth's WestBeach, Rose Prince, author of *The New English Kitchen*, Paddy Davey, of The Museum Inn on Cranborne Chase will also hosting cookery workshops. Throughout the day there will be films, demonstrations and talks as well as storytelling, music and a host of school workshops and activities on the top floor.

There will also be "foodie" films to enjoy including *Babette's Feast*, as well as concerts with Impropera, Soup Opera and the Cream Tea Opera. Tickets for all films and concerts are available at the Lighthouse box office. For information visit bitethelighthouse.co.uk.

WIN one of three annual memberships to RMC worth £50 each

THE *Daily Echo* has teamed up with the Restaurant Members Club to offer three readers the chance to win an annual membership worth £50 each.

To enter simply list three restaurants who are participants in the Restaurant

Members Club.

Send your answers to: Anne Dickie, Editorial, *Southern Daily Echo*, Test Lane, Redbridge, Soton. SO16 9JX. Closing date for entries is November 4 2009. Usual *Daily Echo* rules apply and can be found

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