

Editor's Mail

# Dining with Cal

BY CAL AVERY

While the Markham Main Street location of the Duchess of Markham Restaurant is excellent, parking proves to be a problem this evening. Cathryn and I feel rather embarrassed leaving our car across the street behind Ferrando's Village Restaurant.

Also, one suggestion for would-be diners. Do not arrive on Thursday evenings as the dart tournaments are in full swing. Fortunately, the Duchess has an upstairs dining room separate from a somewhat bustling downstairs area.

Lovers of fine beer and ale are not to be denied as long as they arrive with a healthy billfold. Tonight, my draught selection is Newcastle Brown. Also on tap are such favorites as Guinness, Yorkshire Bitter, and Double Diamond. Cathryn has a frosty mug of Guinness.

A major pet peeve of mine is food that's not served warm. This spoils what could have been a charming evening. Our formal attire and the quaint intimate upstairs dining room are wasted on a cold dinner.

To commence with, a noble thick, rich french onion soup is wonderful and Cathryn and I are both impressed.

Possibly the plates have not been pre-warmed or the food has been sitting for a time, but my cornish hen seems to have been only recently removed from the morgue and the feeble attempt to cover it in gravy does not succeed. An electric blanket with hot shots might help, but I can only report my findings not aid the staff!

My charming wife is not so disappointed as Cathryn's poached Pacific salmon arrives drenched with a beautiful lip-lingering avocado butter.

We both pass on dessert and opt for the blended house coffee which is warming and provides us with the strength to walk back to Fernando's parking lot.

Prices here are \$30 to \$35 for two with drinks. The location is at 53 Main Street North, Markham.

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Dear Mr Thomas:

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to what we now have at the Sales Barn every Saturday.

If handled in the right way, there's no reason why it shouldn't go over. However, an open-air market is al-

ways risky, even in the summer. No one can predict or control the weather. Apart from this, I think it's a fine idea.

Sincerely,  
Percy Lee,  
Stouffville, R.R. 3.

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