

Country Groove – at the Feversham Arms Hotel

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A hotel on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors has been refurbished by award winning hotelier Simon Rhatigan, with a mix of the old and the new, to present a laid back yet chic hotel, very much of the moment. The Feversham Arms Hotel offers something much freer and more modern, both in looks and lifestyle. A place where people come who still want comfort and luxury in a rural setting, without the frills, flounces and chintz.

Walking through the doors of the hotel, in the idyllic town of Helmsley, you are greeted warmly by a striking receptionist and owner Simon, who previously helped to bring to our attention such establishment as Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, The Samling, and Seaham Hall. He is very much a 'hands on' owner, who oversees every detail of his guest's stay. His staff follow in his footsteps and are fanatical about attention to detail and impeccable service.

The design of the hotel is neither nostalgic nor backward looking – nor is it minimalist or stark. The place has been completely updated without falling into the trap of being over designed. 'Groovy Country Chic' is how it can best be described. Where open fires and leather chairs sit comfortably with quirky art by local painters Julia Burns, Sonia Rollo and Mary-Ann Rogers.

The 17 bedrooms and suites, each in their own unusual way, create a haven of peace and tranquillity. Every room contains a variety of items to add that special touch; while fabrics from the Anta, Designers Guild, Osborne and Little and Fired Earth create a warmth and 'snugability'.

In each room there is unusual art, fresh flowers, Molten & Brown toiletries, big white fluffy towels, candles and eclectic objet d'art. Large beds, covered in Egyptian cotton and duck feather & down duvets, make you want to wrap yourself up and never leave their sanctuary – apart from to sample the scrumptious food that uses the best of local produce in the conservatory restaurant, with its deep red walls, hugs paintings and views of the garden and pool.

But Simon is not content to rest there. Plans have been drawn up for three further suites, one poolside and one in the eaves of the hotel. These rooms will contain an abundance of features including; shuttered windows, wood-burning stoves in cast iron, slate floored bathrooms, six-foot beds, separate dressing rooms and all the usual extras like Bang & Olufsen TVs with integrated TV and DVD player, a library of CDs and DVDs, breakfast in your room at no extra cost, and an in-room guide to the unique local shops.

For further details see www.fevershamarmshotel.com. To book call 01439 770766 or email stay@fevershamarmshotel.com.

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