

Figs

Cleethorpes has successfully managed to cast off its old image as an old-fashioned seaside resort, and instead is home to an increasingly impressive array of high quality housing, retailers and, especially, dining venues.

One of the very best examples is Figs, which has fast established itself as a popular destination for those after quality food in a wonderfully relaxed setting. Situated on Alexandra Road in the very heart of the town centre, now the summer is fast approaching and the evenings are getting longer, the opportunity to sit outside enjoying good food is a particularly tempting offer.

Such has been Figs' success recently that owners Lisa and Steve told us that they are expanding, and have purchased another building two doors down on Alexandra Road. Known as Hartley's, this will specialise in Mexican and American food, but with the same quality wines and service

Whether you're after an informal lunch or a romantic night out, Figs has plenty to offer. There is an exceptional lunch menu which, added to the courteous staff and pleasing interiors, produces a hugely enjoyable and friendly "café society" setting – the



ideal venue to meet friends and chat.

We visited Figs in the evening, when the main menu is in place. As well as the popular dishes that are fixtures on the menu, Figs also offers a wide selection of fresh fish specials, available on a daily basis that change depending on what is in season. With its seaside setting, it is not surprising that Figs prides itself on its seafood selection.

With this in mind, we opted for a selection of fish dishes. For starters, we enjoyed char-grilled crevettes, served in lashings of garlic and

parsley butter, served with fresh bread from the bakery, which begun the evening in fine style.

When we visited Figs, the seafood specials on offer included a succulent salmon fillet, which we selected. We weren't to be disappointed as the fish, served on a bed of crushed potatoes and crab, melted in the mouth. The other seafood option was monkfish, wrapped in pancetta, which my companion chose and reported

that it was truly wonderful. A fantastic bread and butter pudding, infused with Baileys, put the top hat on a marvellous meal.

It's clear that Figs has been a welcome addition to the dining options available in Cleethorpes, and with its new extension, there's even more chance to enjoy the wonderful dishes and special atmosphere.

Figs is in Alexandra Road, Cleethorpes, and for more information, or to book a table, telephone 01472 322470.

