

Eating Out

If there's one restaurant you eat in this week

St Ives' best kept culinary

Quick Bites

Where: Garrack Hotel and Restaurant, Burthallan Lane, St Ives

When: 6.30pm to 9pm every day and Sunday lunch between 12.30pm and 1.30pm

Price: Fixed price menus from £22 to £28 – a la carte also available

Parking: Medium sized car park or Barnoon pay and display

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Website: www.garrack.com



■ The Garrack Hotel and Restaurant is a three star hotel with stunning sea views.

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After negotiating the short access road which winds its way through charmingly illuminated shrubs and palms my wife and I went inside and

were quickly ushered to a corner table of the light yet cosy dining room.

Sipping pale-golden glasses of Galician Albarino we savoured the last gleamings of the famed St Ives twilight before the exquisite starters arrived.

I had marinated and finely sliced roast duck breast with chick pea and red pepper cassoulet – a fresh-tasting, light and flavoursome combination.

My wife opted for the equally good smoked trout, horseradish and chive pâté served with homemade focaccia.

TUCKED away amongst tropical gardens high above Porthmeor beach the Garrack Hotel has long been a popular destination for tourists.

And with a separate indoor pool and sauna complex opening onto a secluded sun terrace offering panoramic views across St Ives bay it's not difficult to see why.

But when you venture inside the ivy-clad restaurant, feel the warmth of the open fire and sample the delicious menu you understand why its loyal band of local patrons consider it one of the town's best kept culinary secrets.

Run as a family business by the Kilbey family for more than 40 years, the former gentleman's residence retains the charm of a traditional, country house hotel whilst offering a tantalising variety of modern Cornish dishes.