



FIVE STAR FAMILY FUN

Rarely do you find a place combining the luxuries which impress parents with fabulous facilities which entertain the children. *Zoe Oakley* discovered Ribby Hall Village

We arrived on a crisp winter afternoon and were greeted by a lovely lady on check in. This is where the fabulous service that Ribby Hall Village has to offer first became clear.

Our cottage was well heated and cosy with all the modern day comforts from flat screen TV's in every room, modern bathrooms and a well fitted kitchen. Waiting on the table was a welcome pack including wine, snacks and everything we needed for breakfast the following morning. We were

The service again shone through and our food was lovely. The atmosphere was very relaxed and great for the children. Following our food, we moved tables whilst the children were entertained by the rather amusing DJ and resident Wizard.

On Saturday morning we were greeted by clear blue sky, so we decided to explore a little before our horse riding session. This was the first time my five year-old son had ever been around horses and the staff were fabulous with him. My shy little boy just hopped on and loved every minute of it. It was a great experience riding as a family for the very first time.

The afternoon was spent indoors in the swimming pool and around the play area, sneaking in a Starbucks of course. Regardless of the weather, there is something to fill your day at Ribby Hall.

With two tired children, we took a risk and dined on Saturday evening at The Restaurant. Even though this beautiful restaurant is fine dining, Bevan and his staff made us feel very welcome and placed us well away from all the couples wanting peace and quiet. The food in The Restaurant was delicious. We started off with canapés, then I chose a poached organic salmon which I have to say was cooked to perfection, followed on with a fillet of beef served with wild mushrooms. Then came the most interesting

desert I have ever tasted. Warm Thai rice pudding, served with coconut sorbet, mango salsa and coriander. Being a lover of Thai food, this was a wonderful combination of flavours yet rarely tried as a sweet dish. This was all washed down of course with a lovely bottle of fruity red wine.

As we were leaving The Restaurant, my five year old had given up and fallen asleep, so the staff sent a courtesy car to take us back to the cottage.

All in all just a lovely place, with lots to do and staff that really do look after you. ■



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positioned in a three bed property overlooking a large pond, which was home to a number of Mallards who liked to visit our door every morning.

The first evening we ventured across to the family bar and grill.



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