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59 The Hand and Flowers
Marlow, Buckinghamshire

Chef-patron Tom Kerridge's modern British cooking has a well-deserved Michelin star. Add to that a cosy, cottage-like interior and a snug beer garden and you have the makings of a cracking good pub. Simple yet fresh and richly flavoursome is how one can best sum up the food here, owing much to the quality sourcing and judicious pairing of zingy ingredients. Try the memorable starter of old spot pork terrine with bacon and hot pickled pineapple (£8.50), followed by a comforting honey roast Suffolk chicken with asparagus, potato gnocchi and morel sauce (all mains £15.50-£19.50). The summery pistachio sponge cake with melon sorbet and marzipan is to die for (£7.50). And, if you haven't budgeted for a blow-out meal, you'll find an equally impressive set lunch menu on offer from Monday-Saturday. Enjoy two courses for £10, or three for £13.50. **HH**



Open Mon-Sat 12-5pm, 6.30-11pm, Sun 12-5pm - Food Mon-Sat 12-2pm, 6.30-9pm, Sun 12-3pm - Dogs welcome in beer garden - Greene King - Four rooms from £140 - Henley Road, SL7 2BR - 01628 482277, thehandandflowers.co.uk



60 The Carpenter's Arms
Hammersmith, London

Found on St Peters Square, a smart residential corner of London, The Carpenter's Arms might look like any other backstreet boozier, but the food is far from ordinary. Headed up by chef Paul Adams (formerly of the Pig's Ear in Chelsea) The Carpenter's is turning

out modern British food at its best. Adams uses interesting ingredients imaginatively, from starters such as open lasagne of lamb sweetbreads with mushrooms and wild garlic (£8.50), to mains such as Barnsley lamb chop with peppers, shallots, smoked aubergine and mint (£15.25). Wine is more the focus than beer here. Start with a Picpoul de Pinet from the Languedoc (La Croix Gratiot, £16.50). You can

settle in to the light, airy interior decorated with eclectic artwork, including a panorama of Hyde Park Corner. Or, if the sun is shining, you can order the lot to be scoffed outside in the pub's fabulous garden. **FS**



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