

## ■ **Bildeston** **The Bildeston Crown**


**Cooking score: 5**

Modern British | £35

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Chris and Hayley Lee's return to the Bildeston Crown after a sojourn in Newmarket has been a cause for celebration hereabouts, with readers heralding a new-found vitality in every department. Decked out in farmhouse-chic style, with log fires, distressed wood, antiques and artworks, this thoughtfully restored 15th-century inn is now a 'stylish operation with no fuss' – but heaps of culinary kudos. Whether you are nibbling on curried vegetable croquettes, slurping Colchester oysters or partaking of the pub's new-wave take on chicken Kiev, there's much to enjoy. Classily rendered classics such as char-grilled Red Poll rump steak with braised shin and chips share the limelight with more ambitious dishes including rabbit and duck liver Wellington with confit leg, carrot and tarragon, although one reader singles out the superlative fish – perhaps grilled red mullet with ratatouille, artichoke and basil. 'Young, interested staff' lift the mood, and the well-spread wine list features an excellent by-the-glass selection.

**Chef/s:** Chris Lee. **Open:** all week L and D.

**Meals:** main courses £14 to £22. Set L £15 (2 courses) to £20. **Details:** 80 seats. 30 seats outside. Bar. Wheelchairs. Music. Parking.

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