

☒ Yesterday evening I had a meal with my parents at The Sidings at Shipton By Beningbrough near York. The restaurant comprises 5 old Pullman rail coaches alongside the York to Edinburgh line and is decorated with various rail memorabilia. To the rear behind the bar is a pleasantly appointed large conservatory with views over open countryside and the inter-city line. The menu was varied with a Mediterranean feel. We had the Meze for three as a starter, which was generous and all excellently presented and obviously cooked on demand. For my main course I had the mixed kebab which included tender lamb, beef and chicken, all marinated to perfection accompanied by chips and a fresh salad. This was succulent and satisfying. The house wine was a Merlot which was an ideal accompaniment for the meal. My parents both had a steak which were tender and cooked to perfection.

I would highly recommend The Sidings. The barman / waiter was pleasant, efficient and knowledgeable. The atmosphere was relaxed and the food and wine outstanding. I understand that they have a monthly Greek night which book up in advance. The restaurant can seat up to 100 hundred guests, although they have bookings for 112 for this month's Greek night, which might be a bit of a squeeze.

As somebody who is not known for my solicitation of salads the meat balance was just how it should be! I'm sorry my photography didn't quite do my main course justice...

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