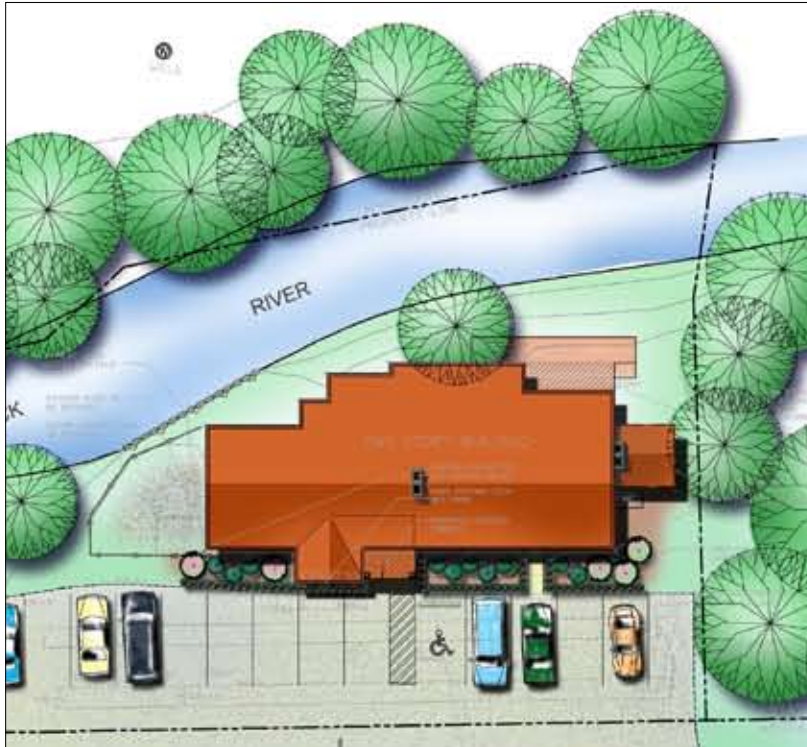



A listing of restaurants compiled by the editors of **LITCHFIELD MAGAZINE**



On a White Horse

A NEW PUB IN WASHINGTON

 For years the Marbledale Pub sat tight along Route 202, with a regular crew of customers. In recent years it fell into disrepair. Then last year, a Brit named John Harris bought it and renovated the building and spirit of the place. Opening up the rear side to the river that flows just feet from the building, he's named the eatery the White Horse Country Pub. "We added a fireplace, a cathedral ceiling, and a brand new state-of-the-art kitchen," says Harris, who's owned and operated restaurants in New York, London, and in Fairfield County before moving to Kent a few years ago. He's stocking the place with English antiques and artifacts, such as a tavern table that has been in continuing use since 1580. Behind the bar will be parked an Indian motorcycle.

"Delicious food at affordable prices is our mantra," says Harris.

"We want to give the public fantastic but casual food, served alongside a few good pints or glasses of wine that is all affordably priced. And I may quite possibly have the finest burger on the planet." Well, customers will be the judge of that when the place opens in late April or early May. Harris's White Horse Burger is, he says, a mix of dry-aged rib eye, brisket, and short rib. He also plans to serve shepherds pie, Guinness beef stew, lobster pie, buttermilk fried chicken, grilled cedar plank salmon, and more. For dessert: the White Horse Banana Split, molten-chocolate lava cake, banana and apple fritters, and deep-dish apple pie.

"I see the White Horse as a place for everyone," says Harris. "A place full of spirit, really great food, beautiful surroundings, good drinks, and great customers socializing and enjoying themselves."

—Geoffrey Morris

258 New Milford Tpke. (Rte. 202), Marbledale, 860-868-1496

The following section provides a brief description of the offerings at notable local restaurants, as well as a few eateries outside the immediate area.

There is an abundance of restaurants that feature superior cuisine, eye-pleasing interiors, and a variety of tastes at all price levels. To aid readers in the dining-out experience, the editors of Litchfield Magazine have compiled a listing of area establishments. Along with a brief description, we provide the address, phone number, and price key.

E = expensive

M = moderate

I = inexpensive

Kent

Doc's

After nine years, owners Roberto and Paulette Pizzo have left their lakeside New Preston cabin of a restaurant to open this large, comfortable trattoria offering both lunch and dinner. Tucked just off Main Street and using the same name, Doc's horseshoe bar is a great place to relax with a cocktail, and then we suggest diving into a plate of their truly authentic pasta Bolognese. Pizzas and entrees are always reliable.

9 Maple St. (860-927-3810) **M-E**

Fife 'n Drum

When this venerable eatery first cranked up its kitchen 35 years ago, few thought there was enough support in sleepy Kent for sophisticated dining. History, of course, has proven skeptics wrong. The menu of American favorites has remained traditional but has kept up with the times.

53 North Main St. (860-927-3509) **M-E**

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da Capo Restaurant

This is the restaurant that we all dreamed of having here. It is the kind of place that's big enough to fall into without a reservation,