

# Feast for the eyes after Lodge's refit

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## Restaurant News

**West Lodge Park Hotel,  
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WEST LODGE PARK HOTEL is proving its restaurant is head and shoulders above the rest by serving up 17th-century portraiture art!

Its newly refurbished, renamed dining area, the Mary Beale Restaurant, boasts a number of pictures by Mary Beale, the first woman to make a living from portrait painting.

Managing director Andrew Beale, a descendant of the artist, has brought together a number of originals and copies of her work for display in the restaurant.

"It is an honour to be the guardians of such unique works of art that help tell the tale of such an amazing woman," said Andrew. "Mary was ahead of her time, earning a living for her family, supported by her husband Charles who



looked after her studio and accounts. It is fitting that this collection should be on show here, not only because of the family connection, but because Mary Beale painted the portrait of Sir Henry Coventry in 1673 who was the then owner of this fine house."

● The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner at different times throughout the week.



**Custodian: West Lodge managing director Andrew Beale is proud of the prestigious art collection**