

Baking's in the blood

In 1991, when Giselle Hyland took over Ravens Bakery in the heart of Ingatestone, her daughter Jessica was six years old. Twenty-four years on, mother and daughter now run the thriving bakery together. And in that time they have added a café, a specialist cake making service and a wholesale bakery delivering to over fifty businesses, plus a second shop in Billericay.



bustling high street.

Jessica says, 'We're busy pretty much from breakfast through to teatime. We serve a range of breakfasts including the full English, vegetarian and scrambled eggs and smoked salmon. All our lunches are freshly made on the premises be it a fresh sausage roll or a wrap with a choice of fillings.'



Such success and growth is hardly surprising when one sees the superb quality and amazing variety of fresh bread, cakes and confectionery on offer; all baked on the premises, every day. Jessica Choppen tells us:

'We like to cater for everyone. Our gluten free, and low GI granary loaves are extremely popular and customers also love our speciality breads such as honey and spelt, sourdough and rye. But one of our biggest sellers is an old favourite – bread pudding! People can't get



enough of it.'

Giselle is a specialist cake decorator and she and her team are well known in the village for their celebration cakes, sometimes beautiful, sometimes quirky – always perfect.

The Ravens Bakery tearoom is a surprisingly calm and relaxing oasis of peace, considering the hubbub of baking activity going on behind the scenes. It's a great place to sit and watch the world go by on the

And of course, the list of cakes at Ravens is endless – beautiful cupcakes – with appropriately seasonal decoration, and all the old favourites including Danish pastries, doughnuts, buns and cream slices. Whatever your choice, it will go perfectly with a fresh coffee or speciality tea.

There has been a bakery in this building in Ingatestone for over seventy years. Giselle and Jessica have ensured Ravens Bakery will continue baking for the village for the next seventy!

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