

Coconut Garden

High Street North

A taste of the Orient

Established in 1992, The Coconut Garden, at the northern end of High Street North, has been titillating its clients' taste buds offering the ultimate and the most authentic Far Eastern cuisine, using the finest ingredients. It was the first Malaysian, Thai and Singaporean restaurant in Bedfordshire.

Behind this success is Head Chef and Manager Ken Chan and his wife Lily, the Business Manager. Other family members include Lily's mother, Mary (83 years young!) working full time in the kitchen with, amongst the waiting staff, daughters Alicia and Kenice.

Ken, originally from Hong Kong, grew up in the UK; his parents emigrated in 1982. Always interested in cooking, he worked at Melati when only 16! He is responsible for establishing the Melati restaurant in Berlin and the Sumatra Restaurant in Malta. He has also worked in Marco's Brasserie and Yum Yum, finally settling with Coconut Garden.

Ken honed his culinary skills cooking for the rich and famous in the longest established Malaysian and Indonesian restaurant in the UK, the Melati in Soho, London. Patrons included Prince Edward and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Another enterprise run by Lily was Sugar 'n Spice in High Street South. However, this has recently been sold to concentrate on Coconut Garden.

Lockdowns meant closure but this has not dented Ken and Lily's enthusiasm who expect to serve their clientele for a long while yet.

Dunstable really does have a fine selection of restaurants catering for a wide set of tastes.