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On a gusty, less-than-summery day, the Patois Brasserie proves a delicious place to spend a few hours. Goûtaeu!\* declares **Nigel Baudains**



Cakes and baked goods are served throughout the day. (Pictures by Adrian Miller)



THE rural tranquillity of the site of Patois Brasserie, in the grounds of the Bruce Russell & Son premises at Le Gron, St Saviour's, is an invitation in itself. A near gale was blowing on the day that myself and colleagues Helen Bowditch, Adrian Miller and Zoe Fitch chose to lunch there and just about every table in the refurbished restaurant was occupied. First impressions of the menu are that there are dishes to suit all tastes. We spread our choices in order to sample as many of them as possible. I chose the fish pie, which was wholesome and warming. It was topped with a cheesy mashed potato and came with some lovely fresh and crusty bread. Zoe went for the honey and orange smoked duck breast salad. 'I thought the sweetness of the fruit went very well with the duck,' she said. 'The duck itself was big thick juicy slices. The salad was a nice variety of not just lettuce but tomato, cucumber and peppers. It had a tasty dressing and

there was just about the right amount of it. It was a very generous portion and something different.' Helen, a pescatarian, opted for the veggie burger with sweet potato fries. 'I really liked the big homemade bread roll which was thick, warm and dense,' she said. 'I'm a world authority on veggie burgers and this one got my seal of approval. The breadcrumb coating was cooked to perfection and it was a very hearty dish, with the bread and the hand cut chips. The salt flakes popped in my mouth as they dissolved.' The sweet chilli salmon noodles were Adrian's choice. 'It was very spicy, colourful and with a nice combination of flavours,' he said. 'The salmon was lovely and there were two different types of it - sautéed and smoked. The



Nigel had the Patios fish pie.

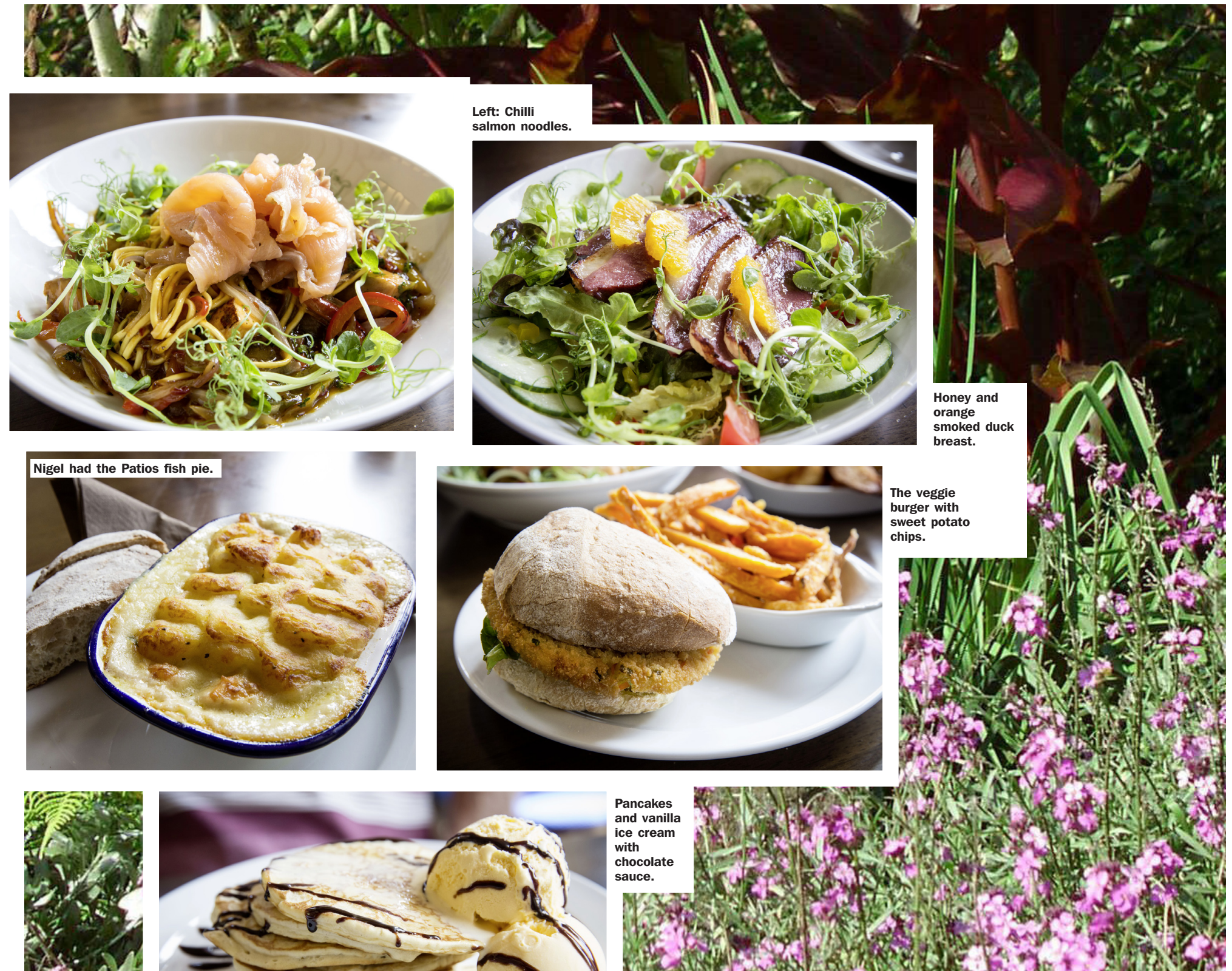


fresh flavours of the pea shoots and peppers were really nice and it was very filling with the noodles.' Patois opened in June. Owner and head chef Dieter Hurst has worked at other local establishments including Cobo Bay Hotel and Maison L'Aumone/de Quetteville. He thought the name for the new brasserie, in a building that once housed cattle, was very appropriate. 'I'm told that it's the second oldest building in St Saviour's,' he said. 'St Saviour's borders on St Peter's and I just thought that it suited the setting.' Books available to read in the restaurant feature some of the island's traditional recipes and its language. Mr Hurst said they were in the process of preparing a children's learning book for patois. The restaurant prides itself on using local products from local suppliers such as Country Butchers and Manor Farm Foods.

view echoed by my colleagues. So what else do you need to know about Patois Brasserie? It has an appetising brunch menu, which is served from 10am to 11.30am. This ranges from a full English breakfast to smashed avocado on sourdough bread. The latter certainly appealed to Helen. Lunch is available between noon and 3pm with afternoon tea from 2.30pm to 4pm. Cake, gache and scones are served all day. The sight through the window of a young girl eagerly tucking into jam and scones was one to behold and a good advertisement for the restaurant in itself. Staff are very accommodating and vegetarians or those seeking gluten-free menu choices can go there with confidence. Patois is a fine place to spend an hour or maybe three and the choices are many.

◆ Patois is open 9am-5pm, Monday-Saturday, and 9am-4pm on Sundays. It will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from about mid-October. It has a website, patoisbrasserie.gg, and a Facebook profile - just search for Patois Brasserie. The website is about to be updated and this will be done in around mid-September.

\*yummy!



Left: Chilli salmon noodles.



Honey and orange smoked duck breast.

The veggie burger with sweet potato chips.

Pancakes and vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce.



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